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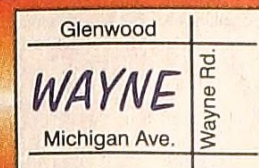
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Car salesman says it often pays to buy end-of-lease cars

Hi, I've been selling cars for 20 years, and I'm surprised what intelligent people don't know about buying and leasing cars.

It's assumed by Westland City Council members [who recently refused to buy an end-of-lease car for the police department] that the lease end price of a vehicle is set in stone.

It is not. If you contact the lessor, you can usually negotiate a better price. Because of incentives and high residuals, the lessors know that it's not worth that much and will lose money at auction.

This doesn't work for all makes and models, but the council ought to look into it. It's often a sound financial investment to buy their leased vehicles.

End of the world! Caller finds grammar mistake in a newspaper

Your paper is just riddled with errors. I'm reading an article regarding education and teacher and you used "every bodys" when it should be everybody's.

What's up?
[That's one less than the caller made in the second sentence, which should have read: I'm reading an article about education and teacher and you used "every bodys" when it should have been everybody's.-Ed.]

Powser, Wayne City Council should get on with their jobs

I'm calling about Shirley Powser and the task force. I've lived for 15 years in Wayne. I'll live there the rest of my life. My kids have grown up in Wayne. Shirley Powser just needs to do her job and forget all this other stuff. And as for the task force, they did their job, now get on with it. These people act like they're in elementary school.

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Falling trees
Tuesday evening's fierce wind and rain storm darkened Romulus homes and created extensive damage to vehicles and homes. In the top photo, the home of Mike and Kimberly May on Smith road suffered roof and other structural damage when a large tree fell. In the bottom photo, a truck just parked near the home of Susie and Tracy Schaf at Smith and Kenwood shows heavy damage from another fallen tree. MCN Special Photo

'Ike' Eves' life centered on family and fire department

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Kenneth 'Ike' Eves of Romulus had three key loves: his family, bowling and the Romulus Fire Department.

Mr. Eves, who died July 1 at the age of 79, served as a volunteer with the local firefighters for 28 years.

"If Ike wasn't home, I never had to worry where he was," his widow, Iva, stated on Monday afternoon. "I always knew he was with his best friends, the local firefighters, including Chief Joe Crova and Firefighter Ray Wendland."

All three served for decades with the local fire volunteers.

One of the most unique incidents that occurred in past years, Mrs. Eves said, was when the Romulus Fire Department obtained its initial life saving device and found it had to be used first on a fellow firefighter, who was stricken suddenly with a heart attack.

Wendland said in the early 1940's when the fire department was first organized, "I found Ike to be a good guy...de-

voted to the fire department. At that time, we were truly volunteer firemen, since we didn't get paid."

He said Eves "would show up regularly as we all did...and whatever had to be done, we did it."

City Councilman William Crova -- son of the former fire chief -- remembers Ike as a old time Romulus resident, who was deeply committed to his community.

Crova added "Ike was one of that original band of 12 volunteers, who manned the single fire truck at various fire scenes, as well as keeping the department's equipment in working order. I have always had a warm spot in my heart for those firemen."

Ike's fire department career was interrupted briefly, while he served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He spent time in Italy, Czechoslovakia and northern Africa, Mrs. Eves said.

For a time he also was a business partner with Crova in the towing business, before switching to the Unistrutt Con-

Motorist, 20, dies after crash with garbage truck

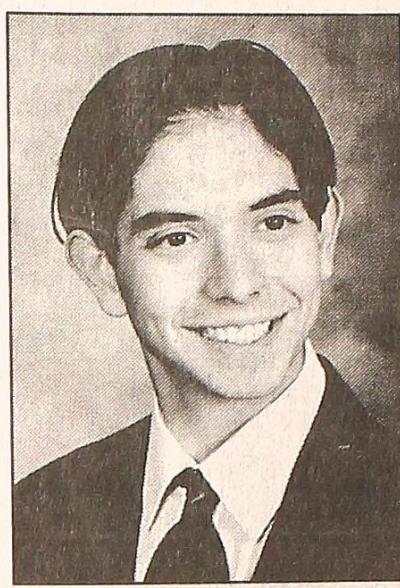
By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Taylor truck driver was fatally injured on July 15, when police say he failed to stop for a traffic sign on Vining road and then was struck by a garbage truck traveling westbound on Pennsylvania road.

The victim, Joshua David Ostapowicz, was transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne shortly after the crash, where he died, police said.

A preliminary investigation -- including the questioning of witnesses -- shows that Mr. Ostapowicz failed to stop at the stop sign, Brown reported.

Romulus Traffic Officer Lenn White is continuing the investigation, Brown said, and then it will be presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for a decision on any possible charges.



Joshua David Ostapowicz

The victim is survived by his mother, Patricia (Larry) King of Canton; his father, Jerome (Allie) Ostapowicz of En-

glewood, Fla.; four sisters, Teri (John) Ivaniszyn of Canton, Carrie Quirk of Saginaw, Lori (Channing) Smith of Leavenworth, Kan. and Teresa (Ken) Nelson of Minneapolis, Minn.; two brothers, Ryan King of Farmington Hills and Tim Leithead of Englewood, Fla.; a grandmother, Ella Beyerlein of Farmington Hills; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mr. Ostapowicz was born on Aug. 27, 1977 in Columbia, South America.

Arrangements were completed by the Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth with the funeral held at the Christ the Good Shepherd Church. The Rev. Roger F. Aumann officiated.

The family urges that memorial gifts be sent to the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan, 1669 Hamilton road, Suite 210 Okemos, MI. 48864-1809.

Benefit planned to aid Romulus plant employee

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Friends and fellow Romulus Lear Corp. Plant II employees are teaming up to help the family of Bill Stone, who was recently diagnosed with a rare brain tumor.

To help raise medical funds for the father of two daughters, members of the UAW Local 174 are sponsoring a benefit dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Joy and Middlebelt roads in Westland on Aug. 1.

Stone has worked at the Lear plant for the past nine years. He and his wife, Colleen, have two daughters, Shannon and Stacy.

Medical sources say that Stone's best chances are to be treated at either a Texas or

California hospital specializing in handling such cases as Glioblastoma -- the rare cancer form Stone is suffering from.

UAW spokesman Donnie Turner is asking for area residents to purchase dinner tickets for \$25 each. Turner can be reached by calling 955-7423.

The benefit affair consists of a catered dinner, drinks, music, dancing and raffles.

Financial donations for the Stone family also can be sent to the Friends of Bill Stone, P.O. Box 175, New Boston, MI. 48164.

Turner is also urging local businesses and organizations to donate items for raffle at the dinner. Services or money to be used at the dinner also will be appreciated, Turner said.

Pumpkin festival coming

Three major events are being planned to provide a kick-off to the 1998 Romulus Pumpkin Festival, organizers revealed this week.

On Sept. 16 all entries of home made products for the canning contest are due at the city's Recreation Department, 36515 Bibbins between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A sign up sheet will be provided and each entry will be given a number.

On Sept. 17 local houses will be judged for a fall theme in the House Decorating Contest. Call 942-6852 to register for the contest. Winners and prizes will be announced that Saturday.

On Sept. 18 three contests are planned: the Pie Baking Contest (pumpkin, sweet potato, peach and apple), a pumpkin growing contest and a sunflower growing contest.



Kenneth 'Ike' Eves

struction Co. in Wayne. He retired years back from Unistrutt after serving as their maintenance officer for about 31 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Kenneth "Ike" Eves Jr. of Clearwater, Fla.; a daughter, Mary L. Phillips of Romulus; a sister, Pearl Bower of Romulus; two brothers, Melvin Eves of Romulus and Paul Eves of Wayne; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Pool meeting is called off

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Will Romulus residents be given a voice this November in whether a new city recreation facility and pool should be constructed?

Members of the Romulus City Council and School Board along with Mayor William Oakley and Superintendent Dr. William Bedell were to gather Tuesday night to decide the ballot fate of that joint package plan. But storm related problems involving a generator forced the cancellation of the meeting.

Representatives of both governing bodies have been meeting in recent months to decide when and how to advance such a recreational development.

Many in the city feel that construction of such a pool is long overdue. But some elected officials also are reluctant to push too forcefully on the project until a complete millage concept is devised.

Cost factors (taxes via millage rates) were going to be definitively the key to Tuesday night's meeting, particularly if the majority had any dreams of

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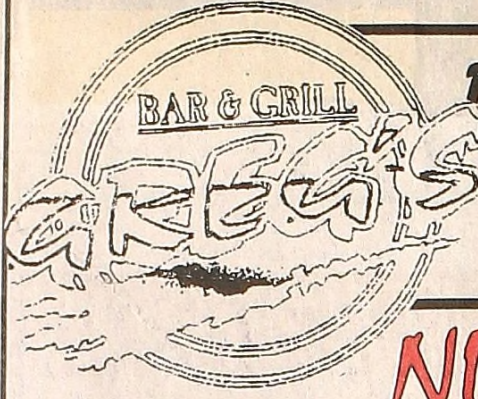
getting the proposal on this November's ballot.

In recent meetings the only outsiders were a few tax conscious private citizens including Jim Rarey -- a well known citizen critic, who attends most City Council meetings.

Rarey voiced some skepticism after attending the last public session -- feeling some elected officials bear limited interest in informing the public on key parts of the recreation center/pool issue.

Other issues discussed by some city-school district parties outside the sessions were about water safety programs, school swim teams, senior citizen exercise programs and other quality of life concerns.

But the general feeling is that the tax issues would weigh heavier than any of those listed above.



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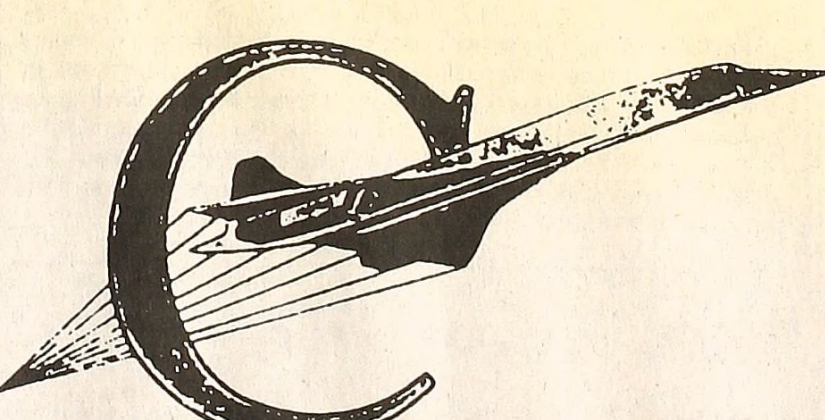
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Boys/Girls Club meeting July 28

An important meeting of the new Romulus Boys/Girls Club organization will take place at 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday at Leonardo's Restaurant on Meriman road in Romulus.

Local Boys/Girls Club President John Juriga revealed that about 30 local board members have been invited to the luncheon and will meet with representatives of Boys/Girls Club leaders from Dearborn, Ypsilanti and Detroit.

Romulus has voted to join with the other clubs involved with the Boys/Girls Clubs of South East Michigan.

The larger grouping allows local clubs to have closer access to national grants from major corporations, Juriga said, as well as assistance in hiring top Boys/Club officials....such as executive directors.

Many important dates have to be met so that the local Boys/Girls Club operations can begin on Dec. 1 at Merriman Elementary School, Juriga added.

The motivation behind this

summer's flurry of activities for the Boys/Girls Club is that if the club doesn't open on Dec. 1, the local organization stands to lose its \$50,000 grant, Juriga explained.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR
EYEWITNESS
NEWSPAPER THIS WEEKEND!

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-30 1998 RESURFACING PROGRAM

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., August 11, 1998. At that time said bids would be publicly opened.

BID ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED:
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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 98-30
1998 RESURFACING PROGRAM

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the total bid price will be required.

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CITY OF INKSTER PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Inkster notice is hereby given that the polling place locations for the Primary Election that will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., are as follows:

DISTRICT 1:
Precinct 1 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlysle
Precinct 2 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlysle

DISTRICT 2:
Precinct 1 - Recreation Complex (Meeting/Lounge Room) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 2 - Recreation Complex (Multi-Purpose Room) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 3 - Chateau Cherry Hill - 213 Henry Ruff (Residents Only)

DISTRICT 3:
Precinct 1 - Lincoln School - 3414 Ash
Precinct 2 - Department of Public Service - 26900 Princeton
Precinct 3 - Demby Community Center - 4360 Hickory
Precinct 4 - F.L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia
Precinct 5 - Thompson Towers - 27727 Michigan Avenue (Residents Only)

DISTRICT 4:
Precinct 1 - Hicks School - 100 Helen
Precinct 2 - St. Norberts School - 27335 Woodsfield
Precinct 3 - St. Norberts Social Hall - 27335 Woodsfield

DISTRICT 5:
Precinct 1 - Pilgrims Travelers Missionary Baptist Church - 2945 John Daly
Precinct 2 - Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis

DISTRICT 6:
Precinct 1 - Twin Towers - 2000 Inkster Road
Precinct 2 - Daly School - 25824 Michigan Avenue

Delphine G. Oden, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 6, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, William J. Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Debbie Romak

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-263

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 22, 1998.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None. Abstain-Gear.
Motion Carried.

98-264

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve a No Fee Permit for the Romulus Community Baptist Church for a Vacation Bible School Parade to be held on July 25, 1998.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-265

3B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to grant Special Land Use Approval to Argents Air Express, Ltd. for an air freight forwarding facility located on lots 42 and 43, Metroplex Drive, Metroplex Industrial Park, north of Ecorse Road DP# 008 01 0042 300 in an M-1 (Light Industrial) zoned district, subject to the recommendations of the City Planner, City Engineer, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and Police Department.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-266

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Kenneth "Ike" Eves.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-267

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to appoint the following as Zoning Board of Appeals Members:
To reappoint Dan Bussard, to the full regular position, term to expire June 30, 2001.
To appoint Sheldon Chandler, to the alternate position, term to expire June 30, 2001.
To appoint Michael Kasperak to fill a future vacant position, term to expire June 30, 1999, upon the resignation of current member William Crane.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-268

5A. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to approve the expen-

diture of \$3,600.00 to obtain the services of Theresa M. Cross, Ph.D. and Associates to provide Cultural Diversity Training to sworn and civilian employees of the Police Department.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-269

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the resurfacing of Heyer Street from Van Born south to Beverly Road at a cost of \$40,000.00.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-270

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to authorize Mayor Oakley to spend up to \$6,000.00 for the repair of the elevator located at Romulus City Hall.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-271

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to award Bid 98-18 to Staple Business Advantage in the amount of \$2,250.00 for the purchase of fifty (50) stackable chairs for Fire Station #4.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-272

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to award Bid 98-27 to Kellerin Equipment and Sales in the amount of \$8,745.00 for enhancements to the Police property and evidence room.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-273

*5F1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to rescind resolution 98-257 adopted at the meeting of June 22, 1998, awarding Bid 98-07 to Custom Ordered Police Supplies for vehicle changeover on ten (10) new police cars.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-274

5F2. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to authorize Mayor Oakley to enter into negotiations with Reighard Graphics for the changeover of eleven (11) new police vehicles.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-275

6A1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 97/98-33&34 introduced at the meeting of June 22, 1998.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No action taken.

11. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 6, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR, CITY OF ROMULUS, CITY OF FLAT ROCK, CITY OF WOODHAVEN, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWN-TOWN, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HURON, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN AND VILLAGE OF SOUTH ROCKWOOD AND THE SOUTH HURON VALLEY UTILITY AUTHORITY AND NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

TAKE NOTICE THAT the respective City Councils of the City of Gibraltar, Wayne County, Michigan; City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan; City of Flat Rock, Wayne County, Michigan; and the City of Woodhaven, Wayne County, Michigan; the respective Township of Huron, Wayne County, Michigan; and the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan; and the Village Council of the Village of South Rockwood, Monroe County, Michigan (collectively the "Local Units"), each at a legal meeting, have authorized the execution of a contract with the South Huron Valley Utility Authority-(the "Authority") providing for the acquisition of the South Huron Valley Sanitary Collection and Treatment System (the "Sewage System"). The total cost of acquisition is estimated to be not to exceed Fifteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (15,500,000). The cost of acquisition of the System is approximately equal to the outstanding indebtedness of Wayne County which originally financed the construction of the Sewage System through its Department of Public Works under contract with the Local Units and provided for the transfer of the Sewage System upon payment of the County's debt. The original County-issued bonds of \$32,000,000 have been reduced by payments from the Local Units to a balance of not exceeding \$14,235,000. Further, all Local Units except the City of Romulus have also authorized construction and financing by the Authority of expansion of the Duane Egeland Treatment Plant (the "Plant Expansion"), together with necessary engineering services and rights in land for the use of the Local Units and the users of the Sewage System within the Local Units, with total planned Plant Expansion improvements estimated to cost Thirty Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$30,500,000) including all construction, engineering, legal, administrative and financing costs which may be born in part from funds advanced by the Local Units, except the City of Romulus.

FINANCING DETAILS

For all Local Units, acquisition of the Sewage System will be funded by the issuance of new bonds ("Plant Acquisition Bonds") of the Authority or by cash payments, pro rate, from Local Units, or both. For all Local Units except the City of Romulus, the Plant Expansion will be funded by Local Unit funds on hand and bonds ("Plant Expansion Bonds") maturing over a period of approximately 20 years from date of issue bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed 3% to be determined by negotiation as authorized by law. The Plant Expansion Bonds are expected to be sold to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority through its Sewer Revolving Fund Program at a lower than market interest rate projected at 2.25%

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

The principal of and interest on said bonds will be payable from the contractual payments due from the Local Units, funding for which will be derived primarily from sewer rates and charges, connection fees and other revenue obtained from the operation of each Local Unit/s sewage disposal system. Rates and charges for services furnished by the Sewage System may from time to time be increased in order to provide additional revenues to met expenses for operating and maintaining the Sewage System and for paying the principal of and interest on said bonds and to provide reserves therefor. It is presently estimated that revenues to be derived from the improvements together with revenues derived from the existing sewage disposal system will be sufficient to meet each of the Local Unit's contractual obligation. A schedule of existing rates and charges is on file in the office of each Local Unit's respective Clerk. A Local Unit may not levy taxes in addition to its presently authorized millage rates to pay any portion of its contractual indebtedness, but each may use and pledge general funds, and will accordingly constitutional, charter and statutory tax rate limitation for payment of its contractual obligation to the South Huron Valley Utility Authority.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Sections 8, Act 233 Public Acts of 1955, as amended. If within forty-five (45) days from publication of this NOTICE OF INTENT to issue bonds a PETITION signed by not less than TEN PERCENT (10%) or 15,000 WHICHEVER IS LESS, OF REGISTERED ELECTORS residing within the limits of a Local Unit shall have been filed with the Clerk of that Local Unit requesting REFERENDUM on the question of the issuance of such bonds, then the same shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of that Local Unit qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER information with respect to the proposed contract with details of the projects are available at each Local Unit's offices during regular business hours.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk, City of Romulus

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Police Beat

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

By RITA BEDELL
Police Beat Writer

Canton Reports

Ultra Light Aircraft Stolen

Canton Police have reported that an aircraft was stolen from the Canton/Plymouth Mettetal Airport sometime between July 11 and July 15.

The owner, James Trick, reported the aircraft taken from the airport. The plane was chained down. The chains were cut and the 255 lbs. was taken from the airport.

The plane is described as a Harmenting High-flyer, black, with maroon seat, with a multi-colored parachute. The plane is valued at \$9,200.

The report was turned over to the Canton Police Detective Bureau for follow up. anyone with information is asked to call the department at 397-3000.

Van Buren Reports

Trespassers were reported fishing at the French Landing Dam on June 27 at 9:19 pm. The suspects were advised to leave the area or they would receive a citation.

A car was reported stolen from the Harbour Club Apartments on June 28.

A rollover accident was reported on the Michigan bypass on June 28 at 2:16 pm.

A minor accident was reported at the Clark Gas Station

on June 28.

An arrest was made at Meijer's on June 28 at 2:35 pm for retail fraud.

A call from Wendy's asked for assistance of officers with a drunk employee. Officers assisted and an arrest was made.

A traffic stop at Rawsonville and Willow resulted in an arrest for outstanding warrants.

A call from Hidden Cove stated juvenile problems at a home.

Officers arrived, they conferred and the parents worked out the problems with the kid.

A stray dog was captured and put in the pound on June 28 from an area on Wheeler Street.

Another stray dog was

chased on June 28, this one on Bishop. This dog was able to evade officers attempts to catch it.

A large fight report was made from a location on Jackson Street on June 28 at 9:45 pm.

A caller from Parkwood Manor told police that there were suspects in a car wearing ski masks over their faces.

Police arrived, but the suspects were gone.

A caller from Hidden Cove stated shots were being fired. Turned out to be dynamite.

A worried resident of Kirkridge called officers to report a suspicious looking person outside the townhome.

The person was actually a resident of the complex.

A disoriented woman was found at a location in the 42000 block of McBride on June 29 at 6:48 am.

The woman was returned to her family.

An assault and battery report was made from a residence in the 7500 block of Kirkridge.

A call from the 6100 block of N. Adams asked police to come to the location due to threats being made.

An arrest was made at the location due to outstanding warrants.

Two warrant pick ups were made on June 29. The first subject was being held at the Westland Police Department. The second was held at the Washtenaw County Jail.

Both suspects were transferred and lodged at Van Buren.

Police were called to a location in the 9700 block of Be-

lleville Road on June 29 for problems with a juvenile.

The problem was cleared before officers arrived.

A resident in the 41000 block of Archwood reported receiving threats. A report was filed with police.

A domestic problem sent officers to the 48900 block of Denton Road on June 29 at 9:36 pm.

A report was made of a juvenile missing from a home in the 11000 block of Quirk Road.

Van Buren officers were called to assist the Michigan State Police with an accident which resulted in a car fire on I-275 at Tyler on June 29 at 10:35 pm.

A loud music complaint was made from a home in Parkwood Manor on June 30 at 12:19 am.

Police said all was quiet when they arrived.

A suspicious situation was brought to the attention of police from the area of Belleville and Ecorse Roads on June 30 at 2:37 am.

The situation resulted in arrests being made.

A prowler was reported on June 30 from a location in the 42000 block of Berkdale.

Two retail fraud cases were called in to police within one hour of each other on June 30.

The first call was from the 9700 block of Belleville Road at 3:33 pm.

The next call was at 4:39 pm from Farmer Jack.

A missing person report was made on July 6 from the 9000 block of Parkwood.

A call was received on July 6 at 12:20am of a reckless driver headed east on Tyler at Belleville Road.

Officers responded but could not locate the suspect.

A hit and run accident was reported at Rawsonville and Grove roads on July 6.

Due to the area of the accident, the call was transferred to the Washtenaw County Sheriff for a report to be made.

Two people called in a possible domestic assault at the Shell Gas Station on July 6 at 10:332 and 10:26pm.

Officers responded and a report was made.

A call of a suspicious vehicle on Martinsville Road resulted in an arrest on July 7 at 4:52am.

A possible break in was reported from the 43000 block of Fret on July 7 at 10:30am.

An car/pedestrian accident was reported from Archwood Apartments on July 7 at 4:43pm.

Three people had to be taken to the hospital for injuries.

Van Buren officers were called upon to assist the Michigan State Police in locating a suspect who left the scene of an injury accident at Belleville Road and I-94 on July 7.

The call was cancelled after the suspect was located in Romulus.

A warrant arrest was made on July 8 by Van Buren officers.

A call from the 10000 block of Buchanan had officers report to the location to help a mother control her 14 year old daughter.

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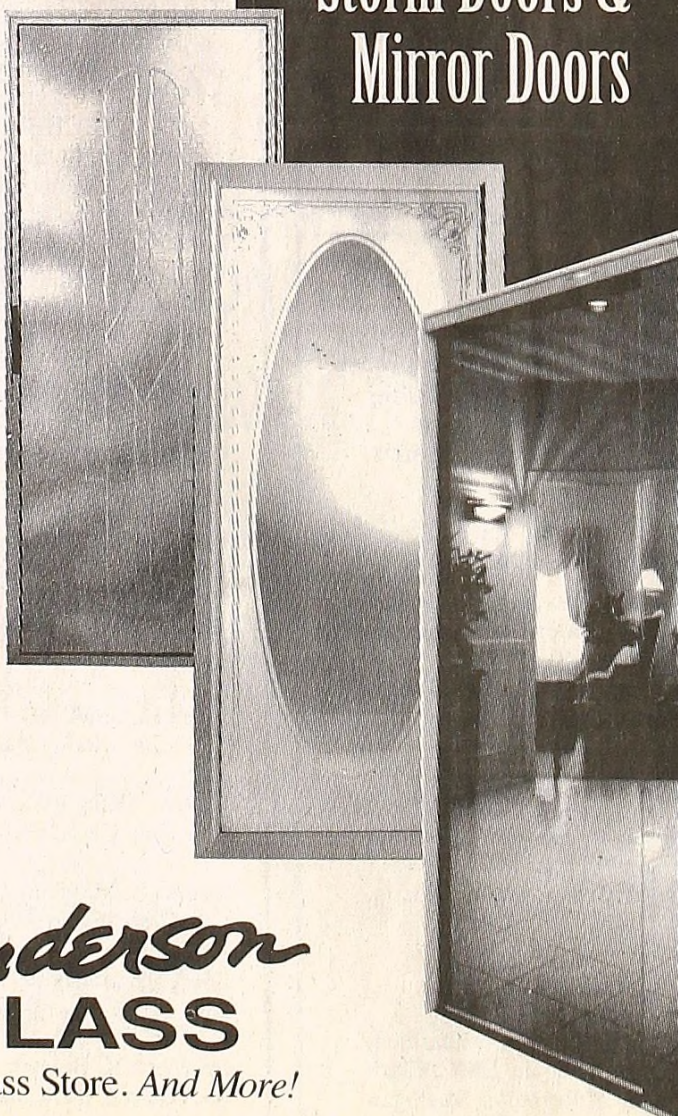


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Physician support coordinator named

Oakwood Healthcare System welcomes Adele Martonyi to Oakwood Physician Support Services in Wayne as a physician recruit coordinator.

Martonyi will be in charge of recruiting primary care family practice physicians, internal medicine physicians and faculty staff at Oakwood. She comes to Oakwood from Medical Consultants Network, Inc., an independent medical evaluation firm based in Seattle.

While at Medical Consultants Network, Martonyi worked as the area manager,

recruiting physicians to work as consultants on an as-needed basis, referred patients to appropriate physicians based on their diagnosis and was in charge of the physician lecture series.

Martonyi also worked as a management assistant at Vector Research, Inc., in Ann Arbor and as office manager at United Cerebral Palsy in East Central, Ohio. She enjoys her yellow labrador retriever, rollerblading and golfing. She received her bachelor's degree in non-profit organization

management at Michigan State University. She currently resides in Ann Arbor.

Oakwood Physician Support Services is part of the Oakwood Healthcare System, a comprehensive regional network, voted one of the top 100 healthcare systems in the country, serves residents over a 500 square mile area, and operates several hospitals and health centers. Today, the System is a leader in the health field, providing services to more than 1.2 million people in 29 southeastern Michigan communities.



Adele Martonyi



Donald Thomas and Ginger Long

Long-Thomas planning to marry on Sept. 18

Ginger Long and Donald Thomas, both of Westland, announced plans to marry on Sept. 18 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The pair met at the Westland Senior Center.

The maid of honor will be Tami Johnston, daughter of the bride.

The best man will be James E. Long and the flower girl will be eight-year-old Marie Johnston.

The bride-elect is retired from Winkelman's store and the groom-to-be is a retired mail department employee for the Detroit News.



Karen L. Griess and Richard A. Karshneski

Griess, Karshneski take wedding vows

Karen L. Griess of Ypsilanti and Richard A. Karshneski of Livonia were married February 6, 1998 at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Ypsilanti. Mr. and Mrs. Karshneski's parents are Jerald Griess and the late Roberta Griess of Ann Arbor and Irene and Anthony Karshneski of Inkster.

The Maid of Honor was Kathy Griess of Ann Arbor, sister

of bride and the Best Person was Michelle Karshneski of Livonia, daughter of the groom.

Other attendants were Rev. David G. Mulder, Minister; Carol Greene, Brides Maid; Tom Tomala, Grooms Man; and Dennis Griess, Usher.

Mr. and Mrs. Karshneski went to the West Indies for their Honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Karshneski currently live in Ypsilanti.



Dr. Roger Smith



Dr. Edward Merkel

Women's health center leadership is announced

A Women's Health Center has been formed at the Oakwood Hospital Beyer Center in Ypsilanti.

Taking part in the leadership of the program are Dr. Roger Smith, Dr. Edward Merkel and Dr. Adilakshimi Kaza.

Drs. Smith and Merkel practice at the Oakwood Healthcare Centers of North

Westland and Canton. They both reside in Ann Arbor.

The health center is located at the Medical Office Building at Oakwood Beyer Center in Ypsilanti. Appointments can be scheduled by phoning 734-484-2229 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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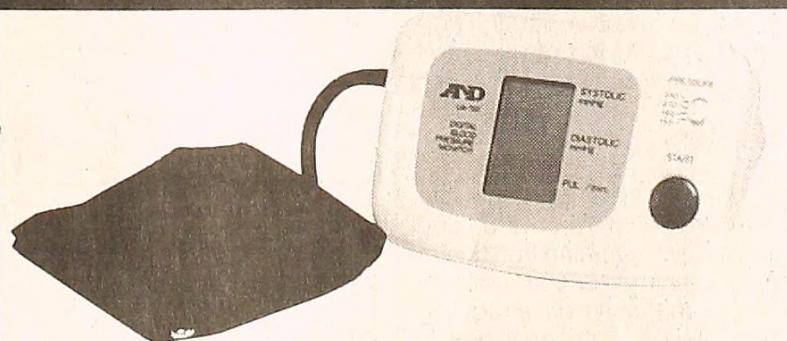
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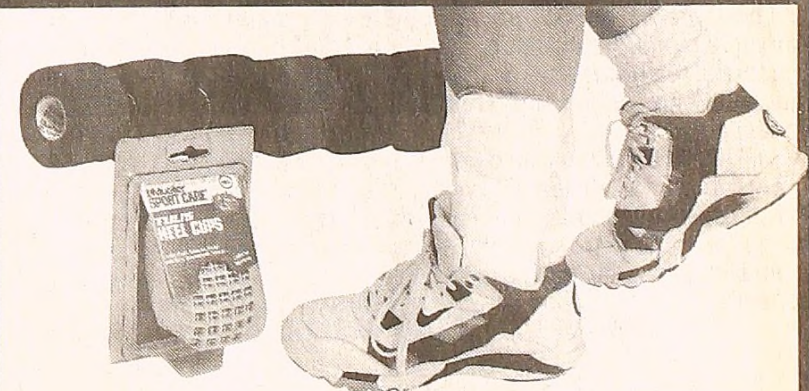


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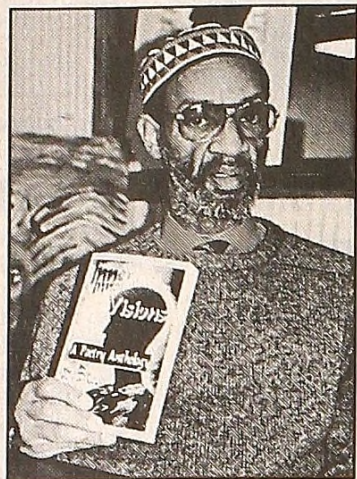
Robert Haynes - a true gentleman

When I grow up, I want to be just like Robert Haynes.

I can't think of another person that better befits the title "gentleman." Yup, that was our co-worker Robert, and we all dearly miss him.

Robert died last Thursday after a short bout with cancer. Only eight months ago he was a multi-talented sales representative, writer and community liaison person for this newspaper. Although a darned good sales representative, writing and his community, Inkster, were his passion. His short stories were published in numerous publications and part of his day was saved for teaching writing and poetry. He was one of Inkster's most fervent supporters and particularly went to bat for the school system, volunteering at every opportunity.

I'll always remember two things about Robert. First he was a passionate chess player. Every evening once the work day had wound down, he and Larry Allen, another sales representative at the newspaper, would pull out the chessboard and begin playing the game they loved for about an hour. Those of us who worked after 5 p.m. always knew who was in the lead and how many games Robert had won. The competition between he and Larry was fierce, and it seemed, they



Robert Haynes proudly displays INNER VISIONS, a book featuring poetry and short stories compiled by the Detroit Black Writers Guild. His work was featured in the book.

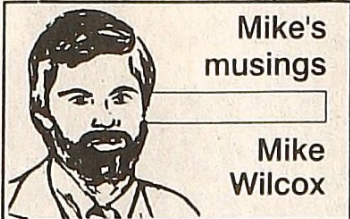
looked forward to that chessboard more than anything else.

The second event I always will remember was the Wayne County Air Show, held in May of 1997. Our newspaper was in charge of producing and selling the program at the show. Robert, with other employees had volunteered to sell the programs at the Willow Run show. The day of the aerial festival brought driving rain and bitter cold. It was a miserable day to be standing in ankle deep mud and grass attempting to sell a \$5 program to patrons rushing by to get to shelter.

But Robert was a trooper. Older than all of us, and twice the age of many of the volunteers that day, Robert, nonetheless, sold programs at his gate for hours as the rain pelted his thin frame and the cold chilled his inner being. It took character and loyalty for all of us to stick it out, and Robert, despite his age, exhibited both with nary an unkind word.

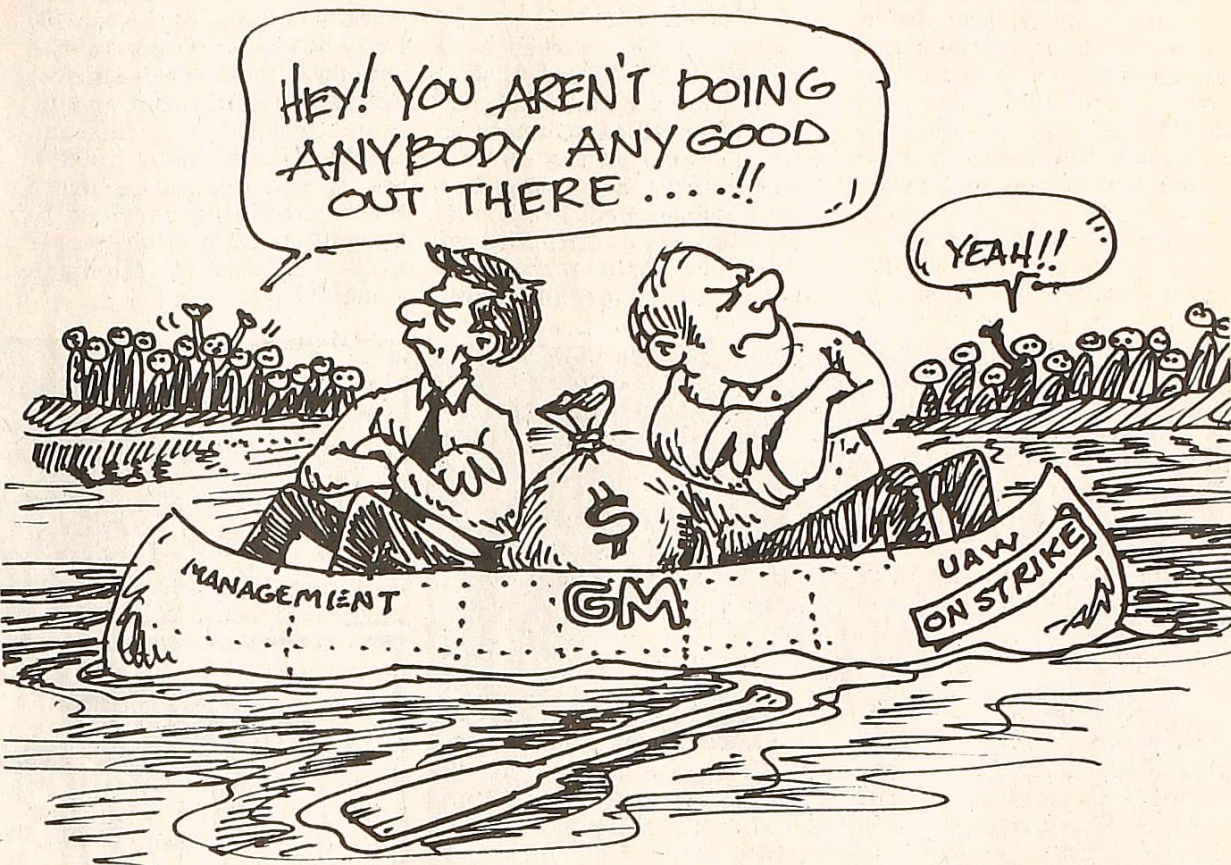
It was shocking to hear that he had passed away. It brought tears to my eyes. I had just had an upbeat conversation with him a couple of weeks ago. At that point he felt he could beat the cancer and would be back to work fairly soon. I was convinced he would be back. I didn't want to think about the alternative.

Yes, a gentleman, that was Robert Haynes. So kindhearted, thoughtful and intelligent. When Robert spoke, everyone listened. His opinion was important because you knew it was formed by careful thought. His friendship will be forever cherished. By example, he taught me so many things about life and how to live it. I am forever, indebted.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Road millage plan won't ease congestion

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

While the most interesting race on the Aug. 4 primary ballot may be the Democratic contest between Geoffrey Feiger, Larry Owen, and Doug Ross for the party's nomination for governor, the hottest election is the Canton road millage.

The proposal asks voters to approve a two-mill tax increase to pay for an eight-year road improvement program. During those years it will generate \$3.6 million and partially pay for road widenings, pavings, and traffic signals.

All totaled, the township expects to end up with \$12.5 million worth of roadwork. The balance will be made up of county and state funding.

According to township literature, the goal of the program is to relieve traffic congestion and road deterioration, and to increase road safety.

No doubt that proposed road reconstruction will repair the deteriorating roads. If more smooth roads gets you off, you should vote for the millage, if you can afford it.

Also the proposed new traffic signals might increase safety marginally. If you believe that even a little bit more safety will help, you should vote for the millage, if you can afford it.

In my opinion, the millage will meet these two goals.



Ivan Helfman

What the millage will not do by itself is relieve congestion nor be an efficient use of the residents' money and resources.

In my opinion, Canton's traffic congestion is caused by rapid growth. The rapid growth, which exceeds the township's ability to build roads or classrooms, is caused by poor planning, though it at long last appears that the township is moderating growth a tad.

The decision not to subsidize a huge traffic-generating project at Lotz and Ford Road was the first indication that the township government was falling out of love with reckless growth. Perhaps one day someone will explain why officials considered paying millions to increase Canton's growth, when developers have been selling their mothers to get in for free during the nineties.

Since the road plans were concocted by traffic engineers without supervision by a quality planning consultant, some of the proposed road widen-

ings may harm nearby residential neighborhoods. Historically, commercial development follows five-lane road construction in sprawling communities without standards - Ford Road being the example from Hell.

Unless the plan is reduced in scale and tempered by boulevards and other residential amenities, it's good-bye to Canton Center and Cherry Hill neighborhoods.

Just so you know, the reason boulevards were excluded is because they're more costly upfront, something town officials know all too well. However, what township officials don't know, in their desire to pass this millage come hell or highwater, is that the most recent data from the World Bank shows that "a vast network of superhighways does nothing to build an economy." In other words, these fanatic road builders aren't getting anything in return for taxpayers money.

As a result, across the globe, planners are rethinking road use and seeking alternatives to sprawl.

If Canton's officials would agree to consider alternate road plans in the same spirit they showed in realizing it was a waste of money to pay for growth in Wayne County's fastest growing municipality, then

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Dear Mr. Ross: I'm 72, not working, widowed and childless, but I still have my wits about me. I quit working 11 years ago because my bones ached so from factory work that I couldn't do it anymore. All my savings have since been spent. I finally qualified for subsidized housing, so if nothing else I can pay my rent on time. Utilities, well, I manage to squeak by. My biggest problem is food. I shouldn't torture myself so, but when I do go grocery shopping I stand longingly by the fresh meats and produce. Then I accept the reality that life has dealt me and purchase macaroni and cheese and other low cost, low nutritional items.

If I just had \$200, I would parcel out an extra \$25 every two weeks for meat and vegetables. I suppose I'm just daydreaming again. I forgive you in advance for not responding to my letter. How much investment should one put in a woman my age and in poor condition?

Mrs. S. H. ... Pennysaver, Tulsa, OK

Dear Mrs. H.: You're a vital woman and I'm going to prove it. I'm sending \$650 which will cover 6 months of extra groceries at \$25 a week. However, I want you to earn it. Promise me you'll spend 5 hours a week involved with school age children.

Perhaps you could be a teacher's aide or lunchroom monitor-something which will have you interact with children. As of today, you're officially on the Percy Ross volunteer payroll. May you find the benefits extremely rewarding.

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm so sorry to bother you with this little problem, but I think you're the only solution. The father of my son (and another baby on the way) would like to get married before our second child is born. It's not that we need an elaborate wedding-we

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Two People In Love ... The Globe, Joplin, MO

Dear Love Birds: If I were to send anything, it would be \$1,000 instead of \$500. That way, you'd have enough to divorce the man you want to marry should he begin another family (#3) without you. In other words, I don't place much stock in your present relationship or in your sense of timing.

Dear Percy: Talk about a tease! My son wrote and asked for a \$500 down payment on a \$3,000 used car. He's living on his own, working and had to junk his old car. Sure, you sent him \$500 (I hope he wrote you a thank you note), but he's struggling making the monthly payments. The poor boy is running himself ragged working all that overtime. Why couldn't you have just sent him the entire \$3,000? It's not like he was taking food from your mouth-you can well afford it. Why do you send such paltry amounts?

Mrs. K. C. ... Thrifty Nickel, Birmingham, AL

Dear Mrs. C.: Hard work never killed anyone. If it bothers you to see your son struggling, then you can pay off the balance on his car note. I, on the other hand, believe hard work to be an excellent character builder. It's how I learned the value of a buck and so will your son-if you don't get in his way.

Editor's note: Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at www.thanksamillion.com

Forget downsizing business, downsize government

To the editor:

Why was I not surprised that 800,000 workers in the Federal Government were designated as non-essential! If a worker is essential to a government function or operation, he is necessary, he is indispensable. I would bet what little I have left each month after non-essentials get most of what I have earned, that with only a little effort we might find a few thousand more that accomplish little or nothing each day during the 25 minutes they spend away from the water cooler.

These same workers decry and bemoan the corporation's downsizing as it attempts to become profitable, more efficient, more competitive, and more productive. Downsizing can lead to an operation that means more sales, a greater profit, and the hiring and rehiring of workers to meet greater demand for products.

But downsizing in government! Bite your tongue. Shame. Send in your bucks. Can you believe that most people don't support Gingrich and Kasich in their attempt

to downsize government?

Sincerely,
Neil Goodbred
Livonia

D.A.R.E. to be different?

To the Editor:

How many citizens have heard of the D.A.R.E. program?

D.A.R.E. is a cutesy acronym for a drug awareness program that was founded in 1983, by the L.A.P.D. under, then Chief, Darryl Gates. The same man who showed us all on the nightly news just how honorable his police officers were in the famous Rodney King fiasco!

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D.A.R.E. therefore has rotten roots to begin with! What this program really amounts to is thought control.

I know none of us would encourage children to take drugs, must less to abuse them in any form.

D.A.R.E. represents the union of police establishments with the public school establishment. (That should make you think twice if nothing else does!)

Among the benefits of D.A.R.E. membership, is a more positive attitude towards the police. Not a bad idea, right?

I think most parents would be willing to excuse this type of thought control, by the marriage of police and schools, if it actually served to keep our children off drugs. Ask yourselves this, does D.A.R.E. really work?

The actual answer is, not really!

A study done by the *American Journal of Public Health* concluded, "D.A.R.E.'s limited influence on adolescent drug use behavior contrasts with this programs popularity and prevalence." In plain English, the operation was a success, but the patient died! Therefore, if it doesn't work, GET RID OF IT!

Anyone who thinks that this is not true can easily research it for yourselves.

I'm all for anything that's positive, and that actually works. D.A.R.E. however does not fit the bill!

I hope our excellent Law Enforcement is not involved with this type of bogus program.

I don't have the answer, I'm just showing you the problem. Your tax dollars help our Law Enforcement to sponsor programs like this, you pay the freight. Let them know how you feel about failures!

A little something to think

about.
Have a nice day!
Rodney E. Utley

Supporters of honest government ought to vote for Patterson

To the editor:

I am not a member of the Canton Republican Club. I am not a member of the Canton Democratic Club. I am not running for any office. I am not a paid employee of Bruce Patterson, nor am I his best friend (although I consider it a privilege to count myself among his friends). I do not have any political agenda. I do, however, have something important to say about the upcoming race for state rep in the 21st house district.

I have known Bruce Patterson for 12 years, having met him shortly after moving to Canton. At the time I thought he was a tall guy with a great moustache and a great sense of humor. In the past 12 years, I have found him to be a tall guy with a great moustache and a great sense of humor who is the most involved, caring, honest truthful fighter that I have ever known!!!

Bruce's agenda has always been to the best public servant he can be, not only saving the popular words, but pitching in and working and fighting for the causes of the people he serves. He never cares whether his is the popular political position, he only cares that his position will benefit the constituents in his area. He never backs away from a fight, he commits to each important issue and never quits till there is a resolution.

Bruce does not speak out of both sides of his mouth, he will never resort to double talk and gobbledy gook to impress anyone. He never makes promises he can't keep and has, over the years, been there for the good fellows, the home owners advisory council, the Canton

Foundation, D.A.R.E. and many activities in Canton and in each of the other communities he serves.

So-my hope is that anyone who is interested in good, fair, honest, open government at the state level, will join me and hundreds of other friends of Bruce Patterson, in voting for him on Tuesday, August 4 in the primary and again on November 3.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Spencer

Tom Hartnett is best Democratic Commissioner candidate

To the editor:

During my recent campaign for a position on the Plymouth Canton Board of Education I encouraged residents of our school district to get active, become involved, and to support candidates for positions that have a direct affect on our community. With that in mind I am writing to encourage out county residents to become involved in the August 4th primary election by selecting as their candidate for Wayne County Commissioner, Thomas Hartnett. With the Republican nomination already being handed to Melissa McLaughlin by virtue of her being the only candidate it is important that voters in the Democratic race nominate the best possible candidate in order for county residents to have a real choice in November.

Tom has seriously studied the issues, has a knowledge of the community, and by virtue of his employment as an attorney with the Friend of the Court, knows the important players in County government.

With this awareness of the issues and players that make things happen Hartnett will be in a position to provide our community with needed County services. As a 15 year Canton resident I am convinced that it is time we had representation who believed in cooperation and not confrontation as the best way to parlay our political strength into county services.

Republicans should feel comfortable with their candidate, Melissa McLaughlin. Democrats now need to nominate the best candidate in their primary. This independent voter likes the credentials of Tom Hartnett and encourages out county voters to consider him for Wayne County Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Sheila Crayne Friedrich

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the millage will be worth supporting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CREATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DESIGNATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT ZONE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE:

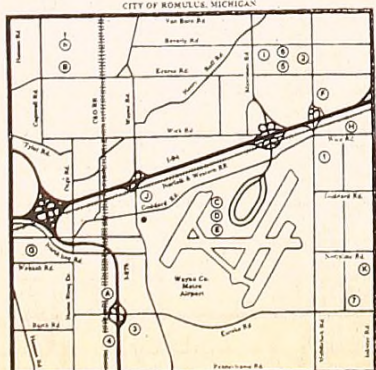
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 24, 1998 at 6:45 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the adoption of a resolution to create and provide for the operation of a brownfield redevelopment authority for the City of Romulus and to designate a brownfield redevelopment zone, pursuant to Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the eligible properties within the zone, to provide new jobs and tax base, to foster development in areas that are already served with utilities, to prevent urban sprawl, and to preserve existing open spaces within the City of Romulus, County of Wayne and the State of Michigan. At this public hearing, any interested party, resident, taxpayer, or property owner from a taxing jurisdiction in which the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone or an official from a taxing jurisdiction with millage that would be subject to capture has the right to be heard.

The boundary of the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone is generally described as the boundary of the City of Romulus containing all lands within the City of Romulus. The map below depicts the Romulus City boundaries and the boundaries of the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone.

The City Council may not incorporate land into the zone not included in the description above, but it may eliminate described lands, from the zone in the final determination of the boundary without additional notice.

At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, officials from taxing jurisdictions whose millage may be subject to capture under a brownfield plan in the proposed zone, and property owners of the City of Romulus desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the establishment of the brownfield redevelopment authority and the boundary of the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone.

Please contact Richard J. Marsh, Jr., Planning and Community Development Director, at (734) 942-7545 for more detailed information.



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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION Items for the *Michigan Community Newspapers* Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar," Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. Each brief calendar item should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 Ext. 43.

PROSTATE CANCER SYMPOSIUM will be held from July 31 to Aug. 2 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. Free conference is open to public and health care professionals. Prostate cancer survivor Bob Novak of CNN will be a key speaker. Register or call for more information at 1-800- 835-7633.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT will feature 400-500 top ranked archers from around the country will be conducted Aug. 3-7 on the soccer fields at Heritage Park in Canton.

FLEA MARKET offered by the Canton Historical Society will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 8 on the grounds of historic Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Spaces can be rented for \$15 each. For more information call 981-1475.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM Youth Living Centers of Inkster is looking for persons interested in becoming foster parents or would like more information on the program. For more information contact Norreen Green at 313-728-3400.

VEGAS PARTY The Liberty Park Senior Community and The Fourmidable Group will be hosting a Vegas party from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 at 35700 Hunter ave. in Westland. For more information call 313-728- 8670.

TO THE BEEHIVES! program offered by the Young Naturalists at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Participants need to suit up in protective clothing and learn about honey bees and taste the honey. For more information call 313-593-5338.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE REGISTRATION has started for classes that begin Aug. 27. For information call 734-462-4426.

BOYZ II MEN tickets have gone on sale for a 7 p.m. Aug. 16 concert at the Joe Louis Arena that will include Destiny's Child, Next and Uncle Same. Tickets cost \$25, \$45 and \$75. To charge by phone call 248-645-6666.

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING The Canton Chamber of Commerce is planning its Aug. 14 annual golf classic to begin with a 7:30 a.m. registration time and 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Fellows Creek Golf Club at 2936 Lotz road in Canton. Cost is \$150 for individual registrations or \$500 for a foursome. There also will be a marshmallow drive to test golfers' skills. For more information call 734-453-4040.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOCIATION marked its 35th year of service by setting up an 800 number for those living outside the 248 area code to contact MGA professionals. MG is a disease of faulty nerve conduction particularly in the face and neck muscles. For more information call 1-800-227-1763.

CRAFTERS WANTED for the 16th Arts and Crafts Boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at the SS. Simon and Jude Church at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. Contact person is Winnie Kassel 734-722-8098.

COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUMS slated from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt road in Inkster by the United Way Community Services Division, Wayne County Department of Public Health and the Oakwood Healthcare System and Youth Living Centers.

CANTON COMEDY NIGHT free from 7:15 p.m. July 24 at the Heritage Park in Canton. Comedians Bill Thomas and



Airport groundbreaking

Michigan Gov. John Engler, center, joins Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Northwest Airlines officials at last week's groundbreaking ceremony for the planned \$26.6 million wide-body maintenance hangar at Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus. The two-bay hanger will accommodate two DC-10s and one DC-9 beginning next spring. From left are John Rakolta Jr., president of Walbridge Aldinger; Dirk McMahon, Northwest vice president; Engler, McNamara and Jim Greenwald, Northwest vice president. MCN Special Photo

O.J. Anderson will entertain. Silver Sounds DJ will provide music throughout the evening. For more information call 397-5110.

SOCCER CAMP for children ages 5-11 are slated from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 3-6 and is sponsored by the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton. A camp fee of \$15 is needed at time of registration. Church is located at 46001 Warren road, just west of Canton Center road. For more information call 734-522-6830.

LATIN-JAZZ CONCERT is slated free at 7 p.m. July 29 at Hines Park-Nankin Mills area in Westland. Music will be provided by Amigo Latin Jazz All-Stars. Cost is picked up by the Wayne County Park millage. For more information call 734-261-1990.

BLOOD DRIVE slated from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 26 at St. Aloysius Church at 1280 Ozga road in Romulus. To set an appointment call Bee Sheppard at 734-941-5056. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, 110 pounds and in generally good health.

RAGGEDY ANN AND ANDY will be presented beginning Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marquis Theatre at 135 E. Main St. in Northville. Week-end shows are offered at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 248-349-8110.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION for the Detroit area needs telephone hotline help. Time commitment is three to four hours a week or month. For more information call Dorothy Jackson at 248-557-8277 or 1-800-337-3827.

ROMEO ET JULIETTE performances are slated for Sept. 24-27 at the Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway in Detroit. For more information or tickets call 248-645-6666.

HISTORICAL DRAMA called *He Found a Gateway to Freedom: The Peter Denison Story* will be offered at 11 a.m. July 24 and 25 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information call 313-872- 0279.

SPORTS CARD SHOW slated July 1, Aug. 1-2 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor, 15525 Racho road. Hundreds of tables displaying sports memorabilia, trading cards, racing collectibles, sportswear, etc. For more information call 734-287-2000.

GOLF OUTING Third annual Alexander McLaren Memorial Foundation golf outing is to begin at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 16 at the Fellows Creek Golf Course at 2936 Lotz road in Canton. Cost is \$115 per person, dinner only is \$60. Part of the proceeds are given to the Residence of Ar-

bor Hospice. For more information call Debbie Gambino-Pence at 313-383- 8800.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES are being offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 16, 17, 23 and 24 and from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 19. Course is open to those 12 and older and is mandatory for any first time hunter born on or after Jan. 1, 1960. A small fee of \$1.50 will be charged and will cover the presentation of a patch and certificate for those successfully completing the class. For more information call 313-535-0436.

WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB once again is offering classes for Beginners Obedience and Puppy Headstart on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The latest two month class sessions will begin on July 28 for obedience classes and July 29 for headstart classes (for pups three to six months). The air conditioned training sites are in Livonia. For more information call 248-476-8650.

NURSE PARALEGAL CLASSES are being offered this fall at Madonna University in Livonia. Term begins Sept. 8. Program is set up for nurses who hold a bachelor of science degree in nursing and wish to pursue a different career path.

100 CREATIVE HANDS - FESTIVAL OF ARTS a fine arts festival will be presented by the Ladies of the Gold in cooperation with the Search for Life, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and recruiting potential bone marrow donors. Festival will be con-

ducted on Oct. 24-25 at the Focus:Hope Conference Center, 1400 Oakman blvd., Detroit. Interested artists should send a self-addressed business envelope to 100 Creative Hands, Festival of Arts, P.O. Box 37890, Oak Park, MI. 48237. Deadline is Sept. 1.

USED CARS WANTED The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now seeking whole used cars with a clear title and will pick up the vehicles free of charge. For more information call 1-800-488-CARS.

ANXIETY DISORDERS support group efforts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 24931 Union st. in Dearborn. The program is dedicated to helping those with anxiety, panic, fear, phobia's and depression. For more information call 248-547-0400.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS non-profit group meets at 7:30-10 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park blvd., Oak Park. An attorney is at each meeting to answer questions from fathers. Issues discussed include divorce, custody, visitation denial, child support, kidnapping, unwed parental rights, etc. Cost is \$5 per meeting. For further information call 248- 354-3080.

JOHN GLENN HIGH REUNION Class of 1973, 25th reunion on Oct. 10, at St. Aidan's Banquet Center in Livonia. Call Reunions Made Easy 248-360-7004.

JOHN GLENN HIGH REUNION Class of 1978, 20th reunion on Oct. 24 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy at 248-360-7004.

WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION Class of 1983, 15th year reunion on Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden City. Call Reunions Made Easy at 248-360- 7004.

RED WING AUTO-GRAPHS Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby of the Detroit Red Wings will be on hand at the Wayne Brewery (Michigan avenue west and Second street) in Wayne beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 30th. Only 1,100 tickets are being sold for \$45 for the two autographs. For more information call 734-729-7912 or 810-905-6649.

NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP for pool players will be held Aug. 28-30 in conjunction with the First Annual Olhausen International Team Championship from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 at the Electric Stick, 6581 N. Wayne road in Westland. The International Championship will be filmed and shown on ESPN.

DEXTER DAZE FESTIVAL will be held Aug. 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day in downtown Dexter. Entertainers will include Fantasy Puppet Theatre, LaRon Williams Storyteller and Zeemo's One Man Circus for the kids. Over 90 arts and crafts exhibitors will be on hand and a pa-

rade will take place at 10 a.m. Aug. 8. For more information call 734-426-2888.

25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR PLYMOUTH CHORUS will be celebrated on Oct. 2 with a gala ball at Laurel Park Manor in Livonia. For more information call 734-459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI. 48170.

INKSTER A.A. ANNIVERSARIES will be celebrated Aug. 20 at Holy Family Church, 27800 Annapolis in Inkster. The main speaker will be Ron N. For more information call 313-563-8242.

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM sponsored by the Belleville Tigers Swim Club will be conducted at the Belleville High School Swimming Pool. Programs will be run Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 734-697-8381.

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER is being offered by the Committee to Promote Regional Transit in Wayne County. The dinner is from 4 to 7:30 p.m. July 27 at the Ford Senior Center at 6750 Troy in Taylor (off of Ecorse road between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. Bring a friend...everyone is welcome. For more information call Jim Curran at 313-331-8405.

THE BELLE OF AMHERST will be offered at 8 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council facility at 774 N. Sheldon road in Plymouth. Ticket cost is \$27.50. Later offerings will be Innocent Merriement on Oct. 23 and Parisian Soiree on Nov. 13. For more information call 734-416-4ART.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL regular meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Canton Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center road and Palmer in Canton. For more information call the BNI regional office at 734-397-9939.

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CALENDAR FORM

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New trustees

Romulus Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Bedell, left, greets new board trustees Debbie Dick and Alan Lambert at their first meeting since their election in June. Dick also serves as the city's recreation director and Lambert is a city police officer. MCN Special Photo

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Seniors on the go

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Serving seniors

Romulus Police Officers John and Terry Smagner (shown in an earlier city festival photo) will again be on hand during the upcoming city Pumpkin Festival to outline police services to senior citizens. MCN Special Photo

Olympics open Aug. 3

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A last minute reminder is being offered to Romulus area senior citizens that the 13th annual Downriver Senior Olympics will open Aug. 3 in the city of Allen Park.

Scores of Romulus athletes and supporters will take part in numerous competitions including baking contests, softball throws, frisbee toss, basketball shoot, shuffleboard, euchre, horseshoes, darts, ping pong and pinochle.

Linda Norman, coordinator of the Romulus Senior Center, offered pride over past Romulus athletic victories at such olympic activities.

But win or lose Romulus seniors always enjoy themselves at such competitions and serve as role models for the city, Norman said.

The olympics will be climaxed by a banquet on Aug. 7 at the Crystal Gardens.

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Physicians, patients and legislators join to support Federal Patients' Bill of Rights

Physicians, patients and legislators joined together recently at the State Capitol Building to voice support for the federal Patients' Bill of Rights currently pending in Congress.

The federal Patients' Bill of Rights, introduced by Congressman John Dingell (D) Dearborn, and co-sponsored by Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow, (D), Lansing, would guarantee patients' basic rights when dealing with their health plans.

Rights would include a full disclosure of what is covered and not covered by a health plan, an independent appeals process, liability for denial or delay of care, coverage for emergency rooms when a patient feels it is necessary and elimination of all "gag" rules that interfere with the doctor/patient relationship.

"Our health care system is changing rapidly," said James E. Waun, MD, a Lansing anesthesiologist representing the 14,000-member Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS). "Sometimes rules and regulations don't change as quickly as they should."

"No one is here today to condemn our health plans or managed care organizations," said Doctor Waun, who serves as vice chair of the MSMS Committee on Bioethics, "but

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- James E. Waun

we all do have some concerns about our health care that we feel need to be addressed by our government that is essentially 'us'."

Joining MSMS were representatives from the Michigan Partners for Patient Advocacy including the American Cancer Society-Michigan Division, the American Diabetes Association-Michigan Division, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, the Leukemia Society of America, the American Lung Association, the Michigan Pharmacists Association, Michigan Psychological Association and the Crohns and Colitis Foundation, among others. State representatives Laura Baird, (D), Okemos, and Lynne Martinez, (D), Lansing, also spoke in support of the federal legislation, as did representatives from Dingell's and Stabenow's offices.

Currently, only Rep. Dingell's bill-HR 3605 and S 1890-

includes all of the necessary provisions for a true Patients' Bill of Rights, Doctor Waun said.

"We salute Rep. Dingell for his efforts on behalf of our patients, and we hope our patients across Michigan will ask their own representatives and senators to support the Dingell bill," Doctor Waun said.

"We also commend Rep. Stabenow for her early support in co-sponsoring this important legislation," Doctor Waun said, "and for all of the hard work she has done to improve health care during her tenure in state government and in Washington."

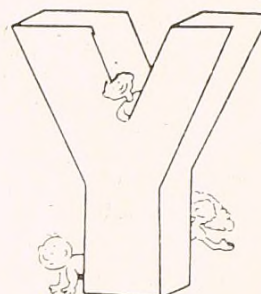
This legislation is very similar to the Michigan Patient Bill of Rights passed in 1996, but it includes a provision that

makes HMOs liable for the denial or delay of necessary covered treatment options, Doctor Waun said. The Michigan Partners for Patient Advocacy is supporting Michigan Rep. Laura Baird's HMO liability bill which already has passed the House.

The federal legislation also is different than Michigan's in that it eliminates the ERISA pre-emption. The Employee Retirement Insurance Security Act, ERISA, was well-meaning legislation when passed, Doctor Waun said, but it contained a loophole that doctors believe has been misinterpreted by the courts, allowing employers to offer about half of America's employees a health plan that operates outside of state insurance regulations.

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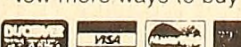
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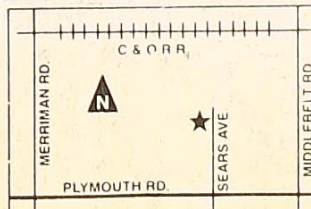
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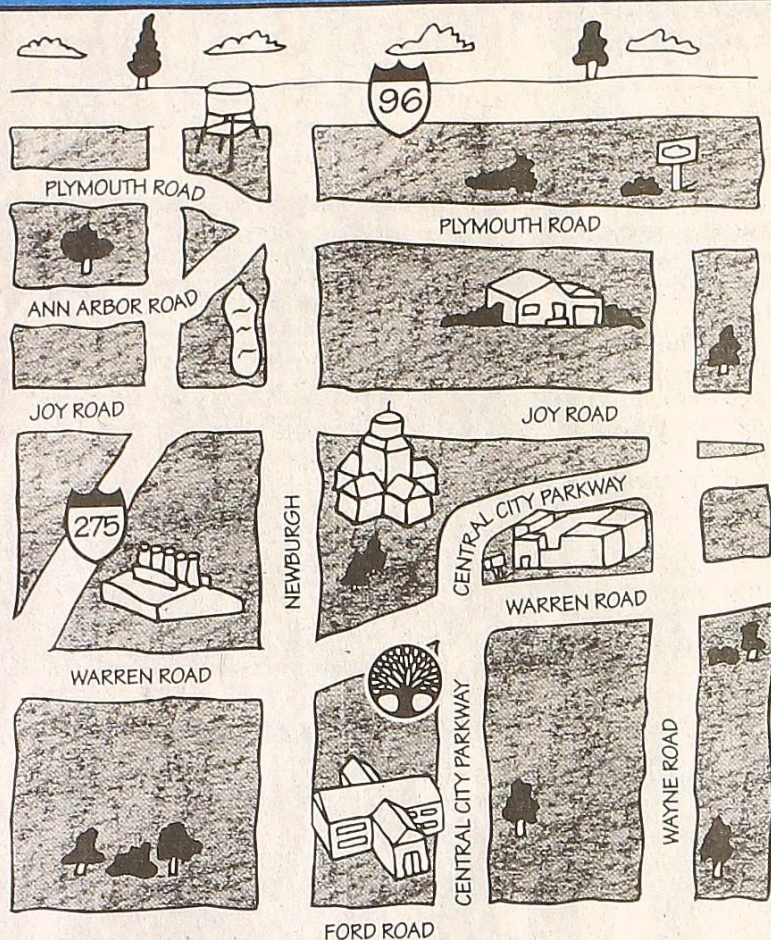
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Greater Detroit will retain the 313 area code. This area includes Hamtramck, Highland Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, the city of Detroit, Redford, Melvindale, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Ecorse, Rouge River, Harper

Woods, the Grosse Pointes and portions of Inkster, Taylor, Romulus and Westland.

The 734 area code was placed in service Dec. 13. Its use was optional, enabling customers to complete calls using either the 734 code or the 313 code. Beginning July 25, callers who do not use the 734 area code when required will hear a recording telling them they need to dial the call again using 734.

Business customers are encouraged to test their internal phone system to determine if it recognizes the new area code. Older business phone systems

may not be equipped or programmed to accept the newer area codes. Until 1995, area codes always had a '1' or '0' as the middle digit. But because the supply of old codes has been depleted, new area codes have middle digits that use the numbers '2' through '9'.

To test their systems, businesses can call 1-734-253-9717. Callers will hear a message telling them their call has been completed successfully. Failure to reach the message means phone equipment may need to be reprogrammed, upgraded or replaced. In that event, business owners should

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contact their phone equipment supplier for more information.

Incinerator conversion becomes reality

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Eight years after the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority and the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company jointly announced that they had formed a partnership that would work toward converting the present CWCSA facility to a state-of-the-art, \$106 million waste-to-energy plant, the first shovel of dirt was moved to make the dream a reality.

On Thursday, CWCSA board of directors, representatives from Baltimore Gas & Electric, DB Riley, along with Wayne County, state and county elected officials, mayors and council members of the five CWCSA communities participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at the Dearborn Heights-based facility.

Kenneth Warfield, the mayor of Wayne who also serves as the chairman of the board of directors of the CWCSA, and one of several speakers, noted that "this (project) was a dream and it has now become a reality."

Warfield stressed that "from an environmental point of view, our project will become one of the cleanest in the country."

"We've been environmentally and financially prudent and, at the same time, we are maintaining our belief that each of us is responsible for taking care of the trash we produce."

Opened in 1964 to dispose of trash generated in the member communities, the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority plant is located on a 32-acre site in Dearborn Heights on Inkster Road, just north of Van Born.

Five cities - Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights joined together to operate the facility, financing the operation via municipal bonds and a millage levy.

The incinerator has disposed of the waste and debris generated in the five communities until recent increases in the costs of operating the plant became prohibitive due to the enactment of the Clean Air Act.

To comply with the new federal standards, the consortium was forced to seek a "partner" to help finance the operation.

After months of debate and controversy, CWCSA finally found a partner in Constellation Power Inc., a subsidiary of Baltimore Gas & Electric, and

Mayors Ken Warfield, left, of Wayne, Robert Thomas of Westland and Ed Bivens of Inkster share a laugh during the groundbreaking ceremony.

DB Riley, the American subsidiary of an international power plant equipment company.

The realigned CWCSA and new partners placed on the drawing boards a waste-to-energy plant that was acceptable to the majority of the communities, but was opposed by several environmental groups.

Thomas M. Barnett, project manager, who has been the lead person responsible for guiding the partnership through the maze of federal, state and county agencies to obtain the necessary permits for the emerging facility noted that the new venture will provide significant benefits for the member communities and the economy of the area and state.

Barnett predicted that there would be approximately 300

new jobs created by the new facility.

The environmental groups, including the powerful Sierra Club of Southeast Michigan, opposed the expansion and conversion plans from the beginning. However, no protest group showed up at the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday.

On Thursday, State Representative Thomas Kelly, told the gathering of the "vision" that has become important to those who respect the environment.

"We celebrate not only this special occasion but also the vision born over 40 years ago by the five communities. That vision became clear to me in the early 1980s when as a councilman in Wayne I became part of the project and it continued on the state level."

Man traps, shoots trapped groundhog

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

A 60-year-old Westland man shot and killed a groundhog in his backyard.

Police discovered the illegal shooting while responding to an open burning complaint in the Hix-Palmer area on the night of July 4.

While looking for the fire, police ran into a Westland couple who live on Hix.

"We don't know anything about [the open burning complaint]," the husband said. Instead, he told the officers that a man living on the 38000 block of Palmer had shot a pellet gun at something in a trap and buried it in his backyard.

"We don't want to make a big deal of it, but we are concerned that the neighbor is firing a pellet gun, and it might hit our house or garage," the husband said. "We just want you to tell him to quit shooting the pellet gun . . . We don't want to make more trouble with the people over there."

The officers went to the house on Palmer and met the 60-year-old man, who admitted catching a groundhog in his backyard in a live trap, shooting it with a .22-caliber rifle while it was confined, and then burying it.

Why did he shoot the gun in violation of Westland's ordinance?

Partly because he didn't ex-

pect the shots to disturb his neighbors on the Fourth of July, when exploding fireworks could be heard, he told police. And partly because he thought it was safe to shoot the pellets in the direction of the trap, which was set into the dirt of his large lot. The bullets would travel in the dirt, not ricochet into the complaining couple's house or garage.

The officers didn't buy the explanation. They told the man that he couldn't violate the unlawful discharge of a firearm ordinance regardless of his intentions or the yard size. They advised him to contact the city's animal control to dispose of animals caught in live traps in the future.

The man agreed, but blamed the complaining couple for the incident.

It seems that the couple's backyard is loaded with junk that attracts rodents, the man said. When the unwanted rodents roam from the couple's property, it's necessary for their neighbors to trap and exterminate the rodents, he said, requesting the officers to report the situation to the city's ordinance officers.

In addition to allegedly causing rodent problems, the man accused his neighbors of wrongly holding his mail. Not wanting to become entangled in the dispute, the officers suggested reporting the incident to the post office.

Burglars go on rampage

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

A vacationing Westland family returned to their home on the 200 block of Apple after a Fourth of July holiday to find it ransacked.

The burglars broke in by forcing open the front door, according to the police report.

Once inside, the stole \$300 in cash, \$100 in rolled coins, a

froggy bank with loose change, a \$200 VCR, and a \$150 radio-CD-cassette player from the master bedroom.

The family is still tabulating their losses.

Besides ransacking the house, the burglars went on a rampage. They ripped decorative tiles from the mirrored living-room wall, and they torn family pictures to pieces.

There are no suspects.

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This gathering, however, is not at a convention center. These names can be found at the Henry Ford Museum as part of the museum's furniture collection where visitors can view the pieces designed, designed, manufactured or used by famous Americans, including those of George Washington's mother Mary and Abraham Lincoln's widow Mary.

Several pieces in the collection illustrate various aspects of history from who "rules the roost" to the power of the Congressional vote. The chair originally designed for the U.S. Supreme Court while it was still housed in Philadelphia has its own story as does the chair delivered to the House of Representatives in Washington only to be vetoed by the members there who said it was too heavy.

While these chairs tell political and social tales, Charles Eames concoctions of plywood and metal tell of innovations in comfort, leisure, durability,

materials, and manufacture. Mary Todd Lincoln's chair, also made of plywood but highly ornamented and upholstered, provides a time of Roco Revival, featuring a view into an entirely different lifestyle and time -- a time of Roco Revival featuring carving, piercing foliage, fruit, scroll and flower motifs worked into the rosewood plywood.

Author and poet Edgar Allan Poe was a frequent traveler who plied his trade from wherever he called home at the time. His portable writing desk, complete with storage for the craftsman's tools, gave him the freedom necessary for creating even if upon a midnight dreary.

From chests of drawers to reading stands and tete-a-tetes, the variety in form, function, and era in the collection at Henry Ford Museum provides a glimpse into the public and private lives of Americans from presidents to ordinary and extraordinary families and individuals.

Visitors to the museum will find:

A sofa of the Empire style featuring a spread eagle on the back, dolphins on the arms a

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A chair made of animal horns. This piece is one of several in the collection that are "homemade" by a gentleman who saw such pieces at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition St. Louis in 1904 and decided, "I can do that."

A carved rosewood table once belonging to Mary Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's wife.

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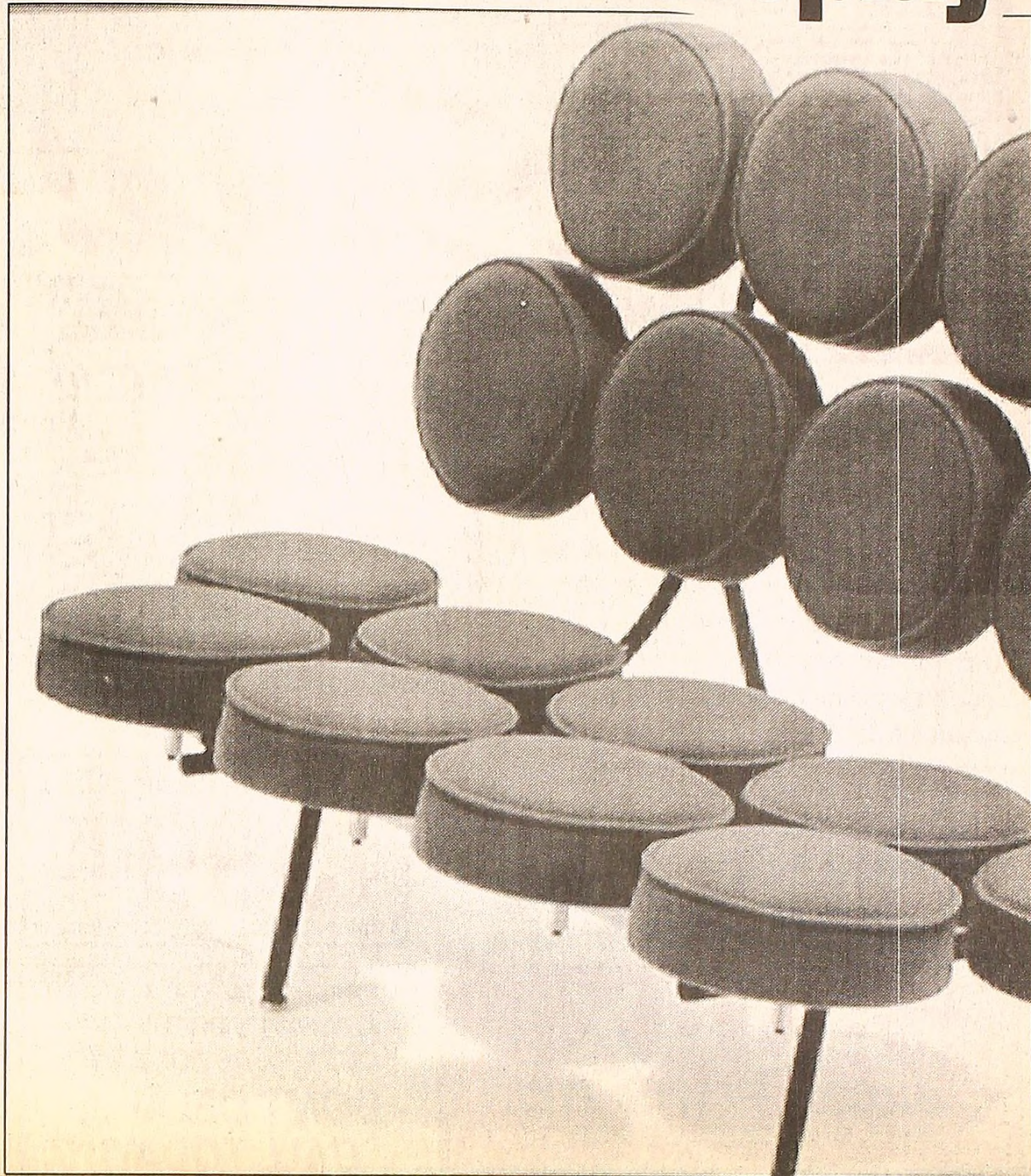
Decorated for Hannah Barnard, this oak court cupboard allowed Barnard not only to display her personal wealth, but send a message to society stating she came into a marriage with "something."



This chair is from a parlor suite once owned by Abraham Lincoln's widow, Mary Todd Lincoln.



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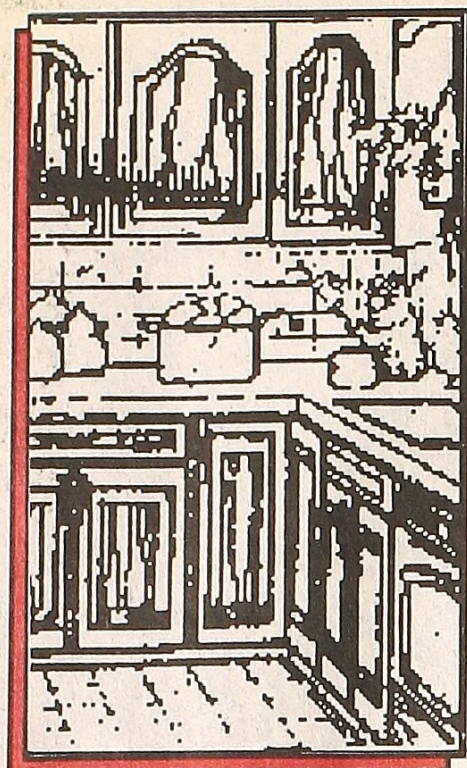
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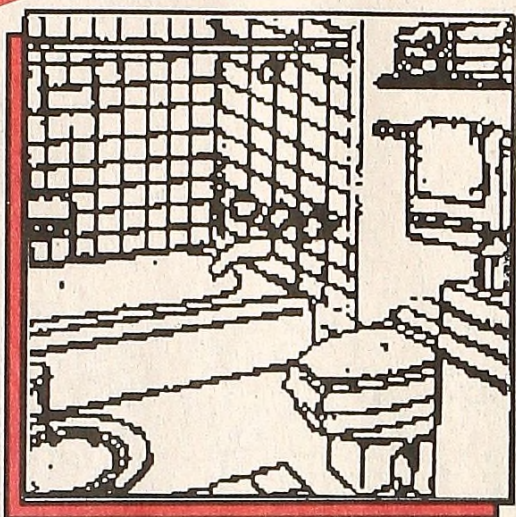
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Juke Joints jive at museum

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Artist Willie Little recreates his family's store in the exhibition, Juke Joint. This CONTACT exhibition, which offers a trip down memory lane, is scheduled to open in conjunction with the exhibition, Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Interim Director of Public Relations & Marketing Your Past, on July 25, 1998 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Using physically altered mannequins, theatre walls, props such as perishable foods, wooden cases, faux exteriors, an authentic jukebox with music and sound, Willie Little's installation, Juke Joint, recreates the rural southern culture of a bygone era.

The poised mannequins, portraying colorful, real life characters, along with a narrative of childhood thoughts musing at adult idiosyncrasies, bring the exhibition to life. For instance, "Romie Dee had a golf ball-sized goiter on the side of his face. He suffered from an ailment my sisters and I referred to as 'the vomit cough.' We would mimic the cough on command ... "or "Miss Beola who had a laugh that sounded like the down shifting of an old car's transmission, gears just a-grinding..." Using this type of running narrative, Little reminisces about each of the characters throughout the exhibit.

"It was more than a liquor

house, it was a meeting place where black folks unbottled their joys and pains," said Little. "It served them with a shot of gin and shared how to make the bitter twist of life easier to swallow, if not sweeter to taste. The installation's goal is to facilitate the viewer's experiencing the characters' vivacity, their passion and their desperate drive to not merely exist, but live joyfully despite the tragedy of a marginalized existence." "Juke" a common pronunciation of "joog," a word meaning disorderly which is found among the Gullah Geechie blacks in South Carolina and Georgia. "Joog" may ultimately derive from "Dzugu" a Bamabara African word meaning wicked. Juke is applied to African American liquor houses throughout the rural South. (Otto, John S. and Augustus M Burns, Encyclopedia Southern Culture.)

NARRATIVE EXCERPTS:

1. Mr. William Godley "a tall, lanky and scraggly bearded man with two long, yellowing walrus teeth. That man did love to dance. In his own little world, in the middle of the floor, he played an air harmonica..."

2. Charles Tetherton "would quote bible scripture after a few belts of Colt 45 or Schlitz..."

3. Pee Wee "was a drunken wanderer, always hitchhiking after getting loaded. One day he was found dead on the side of the road. He had been hit."

4. Sally Chauncey "a masculine woman with large breasts and nappy hair. One day she got messy drunk and went on herself in the vinyl seat of my father's 64 Chevy truck..."

5. Margaret Washington

"...was a dark, slender, dignified woman who smoked a million packs of cigarettes a day. Her voice rattled like a car with engine knock when she spoke..."

Willie Little, creator of the exhibit said:

Juke Joint is a recreation of my father's illegal liquor house and a recollection of my experiences there as an African American child growing up in rural North Carolina. The installation is a slice of life, a tableau frozen in time from the late 60's and early 70's. At 6 or 7, I was like a sponge absorbing all the "goings on" in that paper shotgun shack. "Juke Joint" is a historical and cultural work in that it documents a fading part of the rural lifestyle.

Juke joints were an anomaly particular to the African American experience. During the day, my father's place was known as "Little's Grocery." But when the night fell, so did its mask of civic purpose. People stole in from across the country for a little gin, a little dancing and romancing. "The Store" was a physical metaphor for the masks upon masks that African American have always had to wear in a country that actively relegated their existence to the darkest corners, the darkest hours.

I grew beyond the shame of youth to the pride of adulthood as I described, like snapshots of life, the sights, sounds and smells of the people whose existence is ingrained vividly in my memory. I have discovered, though, that as I tell my personal stories, many people from various backgrounds and races tell me I am telling their stories as well.

The juke joint was more



Little family recreated their ancestors' store in Detroit for exhibit.

than a liquor house. It was a meeting place where black folks unbottled their joys and pains, served them with a 50 cent shot of gin and shared how to make the bitter twist of life easier to swallow, if not sweeter to the taste. The installations' goal is to facilitate the viewer's experience of the characters' vivacity, their pas-

sions, and their desperate drive to not merely exist, but live joyfully despite the tragedy of a marginalized existence.

The installation began as a series of four vignettes made possible through the 1994 Regional Emerging Artist Grant. That early work was initially featured in "Evidence of a Cul-

ture," an Afro-American Cultural Center of Charlotte, North Carolina traveling exhibit. Made possible by a 1996 Artist Project Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, the shotgun houses on the site of the Afro-American Cultural Center. The exhibit traveled throughout the southeast region through 1997.

BIRTHS

David Joseph English was born on July 3rd at 12:59 a.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. His mother is Cassandra of Wayne. Little David's new grandparents are Robert and Barbara English of Wayne.

Cailin Roe Bates was born on June 19 at 1:46 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Her parents are Stephanie and Steven Bates of Westland. Little Cailin's new grandparents are Al and Jill Johnston of Westland and Gary and Debbie Bates of Inkster.

Marysa Ann Walz was born on June 23 at 6:18 p.m. at Oak-

wood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Her parents are Michael and Deanne Walz of New Boston. Little Marysa's new grandparents are Bill and Judy Santana of New Boston and the late David and Mary Walz of New Boston.

Ethan Hunter Webb was born the second child of proud parents Larry and Elaine Webb of Romulus. He was born on June 25 at 8:02 a.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. His brother is Mitchell J. Webb and his new grandparents are Don and Jean Volght of Romulus and Shirley Webb of Honor, Michigan. And his great grandmother is Nellie Zwaleski of Romulus.

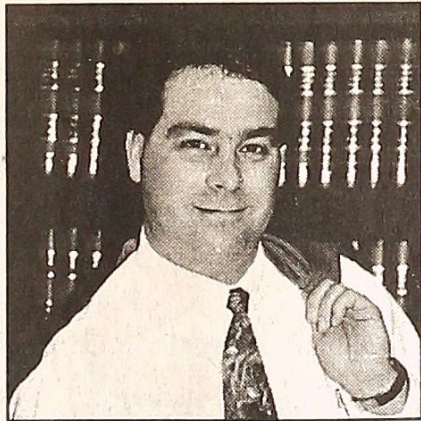
Sabriyya Shaolin-Denise

Warren was born the first child of proud parents are Shannon Y. Warren and Albert H. Hicks Jr. of Romulus. She was born on June 30 at 1:32 a.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Her new grandparents are James and Rhonda Denise Glass of Romulus and Gloria Holcomb and Albert Hicks Sr. of Detroit. And her great grandparents are Henry and Minnie Warren of Romulus.

Drayke John Dawns-Adkinson was born on July 1 at 9:52 a.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. His parents are Joseph Adkinson and Amy Adkinson of Romulus. Grandparents are Mary Phillips of Romulus and Carolyn Stefanski of Milan and Andy Adkinson of Allen Park.

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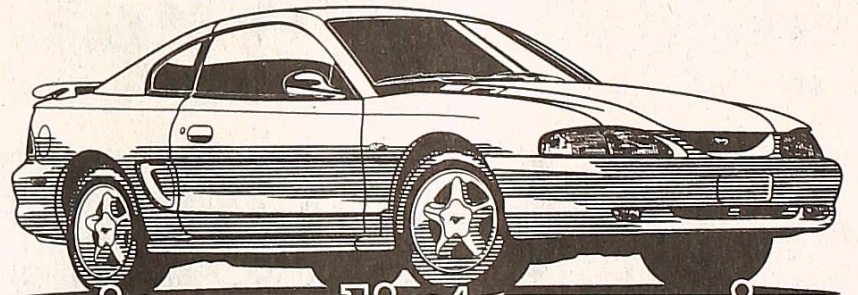
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Math professor lets down hair and rocks

By PETE NARSISIAN
MCN Special Writer

Twenty-four year-old Garden City resident Ross Westerbur is not your typical college professor. You won't see the Wayne State math professor sipping tea or smoking a pipe on weekends. Instead he let's his hair down, drinks Mountain Dew and plays a type of keyboard called a "micro-moog" for an acid rock band called 500 feet of pipe.

The fact that the keyboard player and lead singer of an acid rock group is a 24 year old math professor isn't the only unusual thing about the group. Unlike almost all other bands, 500 feet of pipe doesn't have a bass player." The bass player we had didn't work out so he left us. He was a plumber and he used to complain a lot about his day job. One day he was belly-aching about having had to lay 500 feet of pipe. The name stuck around -- he

didn't."

Westerbur, who started piano lessons when he was seven, plays the keyboard with his right hand and plays bass guitar sounds with his left on the "micro-moog." The "micro-moog" is a keyboard synthesizer that allows a musician to make a lot of different sounds.

Ross, who graduated from Garden City high school with high math honors in 1992, and

the other members of the group have two albums out, a new website, and they regularly perform around town including at Westlands' Mosquito Club.

Westerbur's band has been written about in the local Jam Rag magazine and talked about on 102.7 FM where they were compared by one dee-jay as the "next Motor City 5". For those of you who don't know, the Motor City were very political and

revolutionary in their music and political views. Also, both band's vocalists scream into the microphone a lot alike.

While Westerbur says his band doesn't push main stream political views, he does express some concerns. "We are worried about technology overrunning individual rights."

That's a theme that runs

through many of their songs such as "Century 21" and "Automaton" where he sings about human individuality drowning in a sea of technology.

But that fear doesn't stop the band from cruising on the internet. Check out their website: www.in-stacom.com/500ftofpipe. to find out where you can see this local musician performing around town.

Governor hailed \$675 million clean Michigan initiative

Governor John Engler today hailed a bi-partisan agreement reached by Michigan Senate and House conferees on his proposed Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI). The Governor proposed the CMI bond in his 1998 State of the State address to clean up contaminated sites, improve water quality and provide for critical infrastruc-

ture improvements at state parks. The issue now heads for the November ballot for voter approval.

"While the details of this initiative have changed slightly from what I proposed, the intent remains intact: a comprehensive environmental protection program to ensure clean water, clean parks and

clean communities. The result will be a cleaner environment for the 21st century and beyond."

Today's agreement, which will appear on the November ballot, will call for voters to approve a \$675 million environmental bond. The components include:

\$335 million for brownfields
\$50 million for state parks
\$50 million nonpoint source pollution control
\$25 million for sediment cleanup
\$50 million for waterfront redevelopment
\$50 million for local parks and recreation
\$20 million for pollution

prevention
\$5 million for lead contamination abatement, and
\$90 million for clean water to protect rivers, lakes and streams

"This consensus agreement maintains the policy initiatives of my administration," Engler said. "It is a sound investment in Michigan's future.

The additional funding earmarked for brownfield redevelopment will help us breathe new life into our urban communities. Coupled with the funds to enhance our water quality and restore our state parks, the Clean Michigan Initiative provides a legacy we'll be proud to leave our children."

Michigan's casino scene: a growing tourist attraction

Call it gaming. Call it gambling. Call it whatever you want, but make no mistake, it's big in Michigan, and getting bigger, AAA Michigan reports.

On July 4, 1994, the Bay Mills Indian Community opened Bay Mills Blackjack Casino on Whitefish Bay in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It was Michigan's first casino and the first tribal blackjack casino in the United States. By Las Vegas or Atlantic City standards, it was small. Just 15 blackjack tables and one dice table set up in a 2,400- square-foot room in the tribal center. Beverages were available but no food.

Tourists now flock to 14 casinos operated in Michigan by seven Indian tribes--10 in the Upper Peninsula and four below the bridge. Four other tribes have proposals before the Michigan Legislature for

casinos in Mackinaw City, Manistee, Battle Creek and New Buffalo.

Detroit officials hope to get in on the action with three casinos on a site near the Detroit River, but those plans need final approval from state gaming officials.

Growth in the size and splendor of Michigan casinos has matched the growth in numbers. Tourists no longer have to travel to Las Vegas or Atlantic City to enjoy their favorite action in glitzy surroundings.

Complexes like Soaring Eagle in Mount Pleasant and Vegas Kewadin in Sault Ste. Marie are impressive, multi-structure layouts offering everything from luxury hotels with state-of-the-art convention/conference facilities to upscale shops, fine restaurants and entertainment

venues featuring big-names stars.

The Indian-owned facilities continue to develop expansion plans aimed at attracting more tourists. Soaring Eagle, for example, recently added more craps tables, roulette tables and Big-Six wheels. This summer, Soaring Eagle's 518-room luxury hotel will open, enabling it to be a serious player in the conference/convention business.

The Vegas Kewadin complex in Sault Ste. Marie even has an art gallery. The Bewatung Gallery in the atrium separating the casino's two gaming rooms displays and sells paintings, jewelry and crafts created by Native American artists. Some of the works are by local Indian children. Seventy-two-year-old Charlie Shedawin is there most days

making black-ash baskets, and he'll gladly show his technique to visitors.

The Bay Mills Blackjack Casino that started it all still operates-- it's now called King's Club--and the Bay Mills tribe has opened another facility nearby, the Bay Mills Resort and Casino on Waiska Bay. It has a 67-room hotel, a fine-dining restaurant with a view of the bay, two lounges and a gift shop.

Michigan's casinos benefit from and contribute to the state's many tourist attractions. Vacationers can combine a gaming experience with visits to nearby places such as the Lake Michigan dunes, the Soo Locks, Mackinac Island and more. By the same token, the availability of gaming adds to Michigan's attraction for tourists seeking a diversified

vacation experience.

Slot machines are by far the most popular choice for gaming. Michigan's 14 Indian-run casinos house almost 11,000 electronic gaming machines. Many casinos regularly hold blackjack, poker and craps tournaments in which players compete against each other for prize money in addition to what they might win from the house. There also are slots tournaments in which players' winnings earn credit points they can exchange for non-cash prizes. Midwest Gaming and Travel, a monthly magazine that covers the scene, publishes a calendar of these events.

Whether you're a serious player with a fat roll to wager, or just a casual dabbler whose limit is \$25, you'll have plenty of company. Most casinos oper-

ate around the clock, and even in the early morning hours the action is lively.

Places To Bet:

Michigan tourism promoters like to point out that no matter where in the state you are, you're never more than an 80-mile ride from a Great Lake. It may not be too long before that can be said about casinos.

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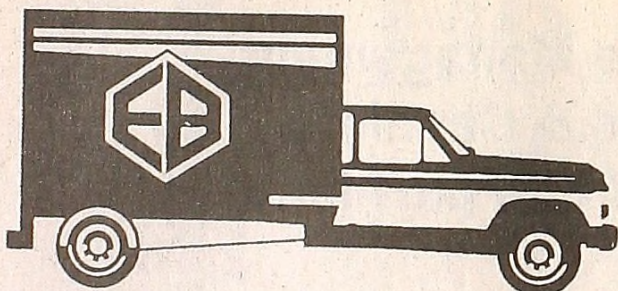
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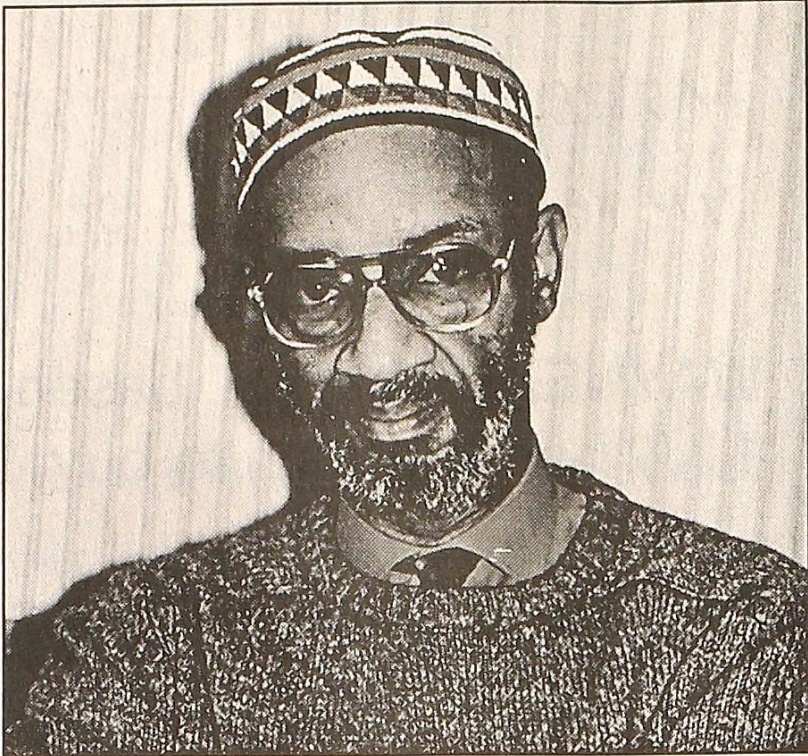
By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Robert Haynes was a writer, painter, avid chess player and in later life a newspaper advertising sales representative for the Michigan Community Newspapers.

"Robert was a wonderful person who had a certain aura of humility about him," said Theola Jones, a MCN Special Writer who made Mr. Haynes' acquaintance at meetings of the Black Writers' Guild of Detroit.

"You could not find a more friendlier person around, and he certainly will be missed."

Mr. Haynes, 63, died on July 16 after losing a fight against cancer.



Robert Haynes

Services will be conducted today (July 23) at 11 a.m. for Mr. Haynes at the Christ Temple Apostolic City of Refuge, 27741 Carlisle Avenue, between Midlebelt and Inkster Road.

Mr. Haynes is survived by a son, Robert J. Hayes III, and two daughters - Mrs. Robbie A. Haynes-Pickett of Detroit and Irene R. Haynes of White Plains New York.

Mr. Haynes was educated in the Detroit Public Schools. He served in the United States Air Force and was married in 1956 and that union produced a son. He was later blessed with two daughters from another union.

Creative and talented, Mr.

Haynes authored several articles including *Day's Dawn* which was published in the Detroit Black Writers Journal.

During his lifetime he held such positions as the director of an Adult Foster Care Home, a realtor with Red Carpet Keim, an Independent Tax Consultant, editor of Inkster High's newspaper, and an advertising representing for the

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He was also the proprietor of his business, Galactic Publishing Company.

"My father loved to compete in life and on the chess board, a game he loved to play," says his daughter, Robbie.

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largely unwarranted," says Howard Doss, Michigan State University Extension safety leader.

Most of the crashes occur on clear, dry days on local county roads south of M-46.

The four fatalities in 1996 occurred in Genesee, Monroe, Montcalm, and St. Clair counties.

Doss says that motorists must learn to slow down imme-

diately when they see farm equipment on the road.

"Most motorists do not realize how rapidly a vehicle traveling at 55 Mph. will close farm equipment traveling at 15 Mph.," Doss says.

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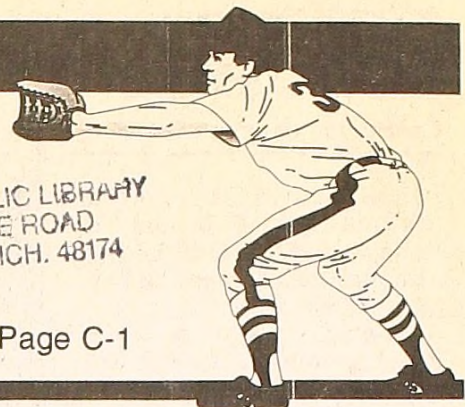


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Prestige retains Anderson S-ball title

Champs edge Westland in finals

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Two of the top softball teams in the nation clashed on Sunday in the 22nd annual Leonard J. Anderson Invitational Tournament for the title, and when the smoke cleared, defending champ Prestige of Romulus remained atop of its throne.

For the second consecutive year, Prestige has managed to win the coveted tournament title.

The champs jolted Westland Jimmies, one of, if not the, top team in the nation twice during the three-day invitational staged in the city of Wayne on diamonds named for the slain police officer.

Westland, ranked as high as No. 1 in some polls in the nation, led three times in their rematch with the defending

champs before falling 27-22. Prestige had beaten the Westland club in the preliminary rounds, 17-14.

Westland's manager Larry Quartuccio said he was disappointed at the loss, but not at the intensity of the two games they played with their nemesis.

"This year's crowd was able to see some of the finest softball in the country," Quartuccio said. "We had an estimated 600 fans out there Friday night."

"Yes, it was disappointing to lose, but I have to say that this series was one of the greatest our team has been involved in."

A field of 18 teams gathered for the 1998 tournament, which honors the memory of Patrolman Leonard J. Anderson, the first and only law enforcement officer slain in the line of duty in the city of Wayne. Patrol-

man Anderson was killed responding to a domestic violence spat in May of 1974.

Anderson's son, Greg, incidentally is also a Wayne police officer.

In the finals, Westland exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the third to erase a 8-1 deficit to grab a 9-8 lead. They widened the margin to 12-9 after four, but Prestige came back with seven runs in the fifth to regain the lead, 16-12.

Westland appeared to have the game sewed up with a 10-run outburst in the fifth. Prestige refused to quit and answered the challenge with three runs in the sixth, then erupted for eight unanswered runs in their seventh to put the game out of reach.

The Westlanders wasted a See **PRESTIGE**, page C-2



Defending champ, Prestige (above) proved to Westland Jimmies that last year's victory over the nationally-ranked local team was no fluke. Prestige turned back the Westlanders not once but twice during the three-day tournament to retain the Patrolman Len Anderson Memorial Softball title.

Twisters begin season Saturday

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With a "home field" secured, the Twisters are ready to begin the 1998 football season.

"We have an agreement to utilize the football field at the old Cherry Hill High School," said J. Glenn Brothers, general manager of the Wayne County Twisters, a semi-pro football team made up of a cadre of former local and area prep stars.

"One of the problems we had a year ago was the inability to get a home field in the immediate area. Now, with one secured, it's all 'go,'" said Brothers. "I think fans in the area are in for a pleasant surprise. We have a very competitive team this year."

Any profits will be donated to their (Academy of Detroit) youth and sports programs.
- J. Glenn Brothers

The Twisters will be playing a 10-game schedule. The home games include: the Zanesville, Ohio Fury (July 25); Toledo, Ohio Tornados (Aug. 8); Fremont, Ohio Stallions (Aug. 22); Putnam City, Ohio Lighting (Sept. 12) and the Motor City Cougars (Oct. 3).

Brothers pointed out that the Twisters is a "nonprofit organization", chartered to foster and support local, national and international amateur sports competition.

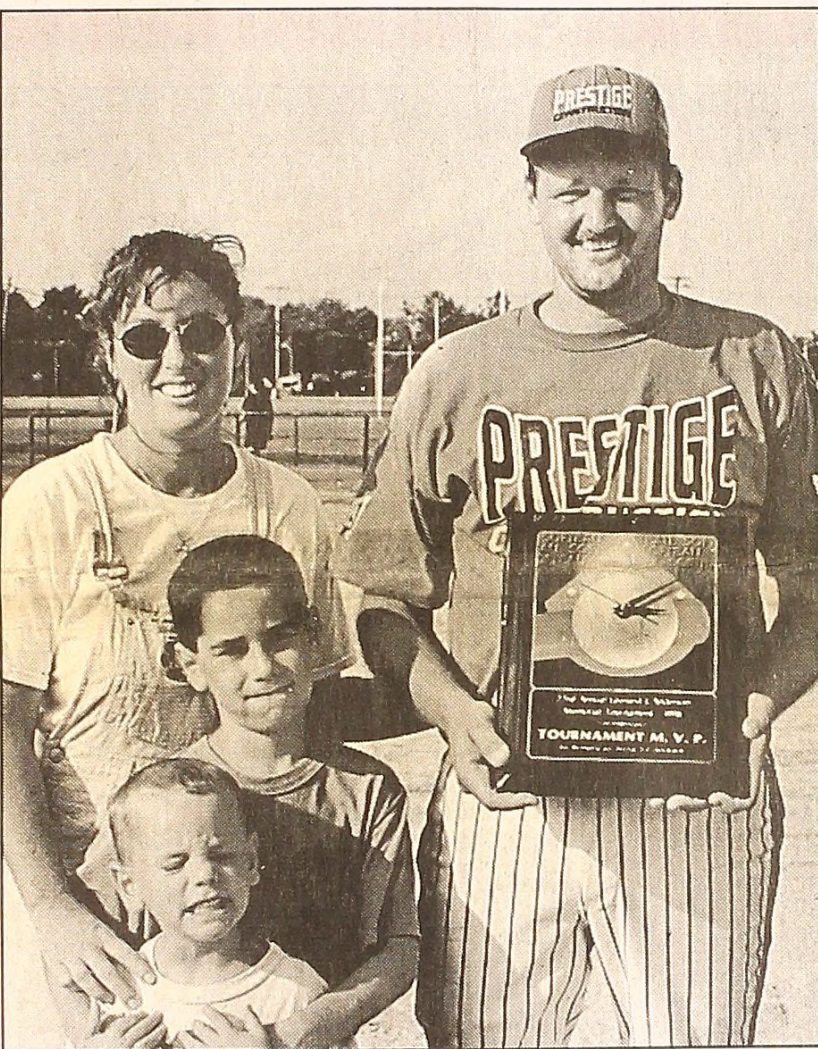
"The Twisters and our staff are true volunteers and ambassadors, who willingly donate their time, energy and talents to the youth of Wayne County, and its local communities," Brothers added.

The unique agreement with the Academy of Detroit calls for the Twisters donating all revenue above and beyond the operational costs of the team to the academy, according to the general manager.

"Any profits will be donated to their (Academy of Detroit) youth and sports programs," Brothers continued, "but to be successful we must have the support of then general public."

The Cherry Hill football field is located behind the high school on Avondale Avenue at the corner of Harrison.

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Pat Wayne of Prestige displays the plaque awarded him for his outstanding performance in the 1998 Len Anderson Tournament. Wayne was named the tournament's MVP. He is flanked by Tracy Anderson, the slain Wayne patrolman's child. The two future ball players are Patrolman Len Anderson's grandchildren.

Colts advance, Broncos ousted from districts

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland's Dave Lewandowski blasted an over-the-trees, into-the-streets homer that lifted the Westland Colts to a 4-3 victory over South Farmington and to the District Colt Tournament title during the championship round staged in Garden City.

Trailing by two runs, Lewandowski managed to get a hold of a fastball that he sent over the fence for the game winning roundtripper.

"I've not seen anything like that in many years," noted Keith DeMolay, Westland Youth Athletic Association publicist. DeMolay said the closest to Lewandowski's HR was one former John Glenn star, Jeremy Cosby, put out of the park five years ago.

"But David's must have traveled at least 425 feet and, in my opinion, there has been nothing like that."

The victory over South Farmington qualified the Westland Colts to advance to the next round of competition, which will be the regional (time and place have not been set at press time Tuesday).

The Westland Colts are

managed by Jeff Child and coached by Terry Tracey.

In the meantime, both Westland Blue and Red teams were eliminated from the Bronco district playoffs. The tournament also was staged over the weekend, but in the city of Westland.

The Lakes rolled to three victories to claim the championship and advanced to the state tournament.

Westland Red used a trio of hurlers - Will Kennedy, Ken Dowling and John Adams - to turn back Waterford in the first round, 8-0, as Eric Getkin blasted a solo home run for the winners.

However, the Westland Blues dropped a 9-4 decision to the Lakes. They also fell to their city rivals, Westland Red, 14-7, to lose their bid for a title.

The Blues wasted Brad Wilson's two-run homer in their setback to the Lakes.

In the championship round Westland Red rallied for five runs in the final two innings and came with striking distance, but fell short, 9-8.

Ken Dowling wound up with three runs batted in for the losers, who beat Waterford

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Tourney time

City golf titles are on the tees

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

During the 30-plus years that the City Championship Golf Tournaments have been staged, there hasn't been any wild wind storms like the one that haunted golfers who played in the British Open last week.

But the local summer classic has had its share of divine interventions, as many old-timers will tell you.

There was the year it rained so hard that if you thought you sank a putt, you were wrong. The drenched field would carry the ball downstream to the golfer's dismay.

It got so bad that the tournament had to be called and rescheduled for the following weekend.

But, it was one on the rare ones, of course.

On Aug. 1-2, area amateur golfers, men and women, will return to the fold and compete for the city titles of the cities of Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Inkster, Garden City and the townships of Van Buren and Canton.

"We have received numerous requests to play in this tournament," said Jeff Rutter, tournament manager. "We would like to accommodate everyone, but the golf course has only made available to us a

certain number of tee times.

"So, if you're planning to compete in the tournament, please get your entry forms in as soon as possible."

Rutter said it had been announced earlier that the tournament's format would include a shotgun start. That has been changed.

"The golfers will go off in foursomes, as it has been in the past," Rutter stressed.

The two-day, 36-hole tournament will be conducted on the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, located on Ecorse Road and the I-275 Freeway. Entry fee is \$70 per player. The

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Deedler does it

Pitcher is superb at Walled Lake

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With Holly Deedler getting the job done on the mound and also getting back-to-back triples from Chelsea Busch and Roxanne Corp, Westland's 19 & Under slow-pitch girls' softball team captured its first United States Slow-Pitch tournament title.

Deedler posted a 15-11 victory over the Inter-Lakes club. The victory put a lock on the title for coach George Busch's team.

"It was a good victory for us," said Busch, whose team will advance to Dearborn where some 15 teams await to

It was a good victory for us.

- George Busch

play for the state title and a shot at the nationals.

Busch and coaches Bryan Busch and Dale Webb say they are surprised at the success of their team.

"Most of the teams we have met so far have tournament experience. They are considered 'traveling teams', but we are not," commented Busch. "We

have a lot of talent on this team. Our players also have a lot of spirit and enthusiasm for the game, and that is what is carrying us so far."

Busch has managed the girls' slow-pitch team for the past five years, and this year's team "has the right chemistry."

In order to reach the championship round, the Westland team buried their city rivals, 17-3, then stopped a tough HAF team, 15-11.

Busch has a 12-player roster which includes pitchers Deedler and Julie Busch, his daughter. Julie also shares the catching chores with regular

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The Westland Blazers, coached by George Busch, pulled off a first at Walled Lake when they captured a regional slow-pitch tournament championship. The victory qualified the Westlanders to play at the Rotunda in Dearborn for the state title. Members of the team include Sarah King (front row, from left), Heida Pullam, Shauna Salin, Jessica Seres, Chelsea Busch and Mickey Vangoff; second row are Coach Bryan Busch, Holly Deedler, Roxanne Corp, Shelly Hein, Bitsey Webb, Natalie Zabrzenski, Jessica Timmer, Julie Busch, and coach George Busch. The Blazers are riding the crest of a 13-game winning streak, and will face arch-rivals, Westland I, for the conference championship this week.

Prestige

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pair of home runs by Scott Janack and Scott Hille and Tom Lengyel's three hits. Lengyel also blasted a homer and had a pair of triples.

Prestige's Dale Dorton and Bill Kostiteh checked in with four hits each. Rog Breeding homered for the champs and also chipped in a single and a double. Larry Stop accounted for three hits, a double and a pair of singles.

In their first encounter, Prestige survived outstanding performances by Jimmies' John Sampson, Lengyel and Jason Riggs.

Riggs single-handedly accounted for six RBIs and had two extra-base hits, while Lengyel came through with three hits and three RBIs. Sampson carded three hits and also had a run batted in.

The Plumbers gave the defending champs a scare in their encounter. The champs came out a 22-21 winner as Joe Gerdes hammered a pair of home runs and singled. Bill Barnett and Bruce Wood each had three hits. One of Wood's



Involved in a battle on the softball diamonds at the Wayne Recreation Complex, these 10 outstanding players earned a spot on 22nd annual Leonard J. Anderson Invitation All-Tournament Team.

was a solo blast.

Metro Glass gave Jimmies something to think about in their match up as Metro came within a run of upsetting their city rivals. Jimmies posted a 22-21 victory to keep its title hopes alive as Riggs, Johnnie Simpson and Scott Nastally each collected four hits in five at-bats. Sampson laced two hits and chased home six runs.

Prestige and Jimmies/Varsity/Ques/Easton also dominated the All-Tournament Team. Prestige placed four players - Rog Breeding, Dale

Dorton, Bruce Woods and Todd Wallace - in the lineup, while Tom Lengyel, Scott Janack and Scott Hille were drafted from Jimmies' lineup.

David Ballentine (Metro Glass), Mike Urban (Metro Glass), Andy Peterson (Plumbers & Pipefitters) and Jason Broyles, also of Plumbers, rounded out the lineup.

Coaches picked Prestige's Pat Wayne as the 1998 Most Valuable Player of the tournament and Jason Broyles (Plumbers & Pipefitters) earned the title of Home Run King. Broyles

blasted 10 of them for the title.

Jimmies' Scott Janack walked away with the Highest Tournament Batting Average. He batted .773.

Two more outstanding players were inducted into the Anderson Hall of Fame. The honors went to David Gibson and Wade Evans.

Kevin Niemiec, Special Events Coordinator for Central Distributor of Beer, Inc., the sponsors of the Hall of Fame, was on hand to present the new inductees with special awards.

Women golfers score their best of year

It may be hot out on the golf course, but that's not stopping members of the Women's Suburban Golf Association from turning in some of their best scores of the season.

Wayne's Pat Henke shot a 72, her best of the year to pick up low net honors in the second flight. Her efforts were two-strokes better than Mary Cunningham's, of Westland who posted a 74 for runners-up accolades.

In the same flight, Westland's Penny Irwin picked up

the top prize for low gross when she toured the Huron Meadows Golf Course with a 103. In second place in that flight was Gloria Hudson, who had a 105.

In the meantime, over in the first flight, Dearborn Heights' Lillian Vandenbroeker shot an 84, two-strokes better than Diane Wazney, to claim top honors for low gross. Dolly Vetese had a 67 for her round. She topped the low net field. Three strokes back was Livonia's JoAnne McVicar.

Soccer camp for kids

If soccer is your game, and you want to improve your skills, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is the place to be during the first week of August.

Church officials announced that they will host a soccer camp for players 5 through 11 on Aug. 3-8, beginning at 6:30 to

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Repeat champions

The Marlins, under the guidance of managers Greg and Regina Carpenter, won the Westland Youth Athletic Association 1998 Coach-Pitch League championship. The title marked the second consecutive year that one of the Carpenters' teams had achieved the coveted honor. Members of the championship team include Keith Dziedic (front row, from left), Kala Conway, Jonathon Meyer, Bran Staples and Charlie Josey; second row are Adam Birmingham, Kyle Ward, Jesse Carpenter, Ryan Linton, Kyle Eisiminger and Thomas Bolig; third row are managers Regina Carpenter and Greg Carpenter.

Golf

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fee will cover the two-days of golfing and the costs of trophies.

However, the fee doesn't cover cart rentals.

The midsummer classic is opened to all men and women amateur golfers residing in the participating cities. There is also an Open Division for non-residents.

Each city must have at least six competitors if a city title is to be determined for that city.

If there is not a complement of six, the golfers will be assigned to the Open Flight.

Golfers also will be competing for city titles and to qualify for the five-member team that

will represent the city at the Michigan Recreation and Parks state championships.

The state finals will be conducted sometime in September at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek.

Golfers who finish among the top five in the Championship Flights will be eligible to play on their city team. Alternates will be chosen according to their finishes.

Only bona fide residents can represent their city at state.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of the flights, and a separate medalist (low scorer) trophy will be awarded to the overall tournament winner.

A sudden death playoff will be waged to determine the winner of a trophy if there is a tie.

Also, no fees will be re-

turned after the first-round of play.

The tournament is based on actual scores played over the two-days. Golfers will be assigned foursomes in the final-round according to their first-day scores. (Those with the lowest scores tee-off first).

The City Championship Golf Tournament is sponsored by the Wayne Parks & Recreation Department, along with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. Cosponsors include the Westland Municipal Golf and Woodlands of Van Buren golf courses.

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outfielders are Jessie Timmer, Mickey Vangoff, Shelley Hein and Shaun Salin.

The lineup also includes two key players: Corp and Bitsey Webb.

out three homers and executed three double plays to beat the Reds 21-5 in the final game.

Dowling's HR was the lone bright spot in the loss.

mission is also free.

The Twisters managed to make it to the championship game, but lost in the finals in a thriller, 28-25, to North Coast Rebels.

From the dugout

By AL WALTZ
MCN Special Writer

If you haven't had an opportunity to take a vacation yet, maybe you'll want to consider Springfield, Illinois, the home of Abe Lincoln.

The city has a lot to offer history and baseball buffs.

Only an eight hour drive, by car, (480 miles), there is a lot to see and do.

Some of the highlights of Springfield include Lincoln's home, his tomb, the old state capitol building, where you can see Lincoln's chair, the one the 16th President of the United States occupied while he was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Lincoln's first law office where he practiced law and developed his style is also intact for viewing.

In addition, you can see the new state capitol building, and all of these places have free tours daily. Lincoln's tomb is in the middle of a auspicious Civil War Cemetery, so have a lots of film ready to capture history and memories that you may want to share.

As for baseball, oh, yes, baseball is alive and well in Springfield, the city has a Minor League franchise. The Springfield Capitols, a Class "A" member of the Frontier League, has quite a following.

And there also are the "Capidolls", a troupe of lovely cheerleaders who dance on top of the dugouts for your between-innings entertainment.

The White Oaks Mall has a merry-go-round for the kids and there are several good places to eat, including my favorite "The Parkway Cafe" on Dirksen Street.

All this is great but be careful where you stay. As in every city, there are places you should avoid. I won't mention names, because of the obvious - this is a litigious society, after all.

But there is a hotel I would recommend if not to stay, to visit because of its great sports bar in the basement. That's the Hilton Hotel.

On the top floor (the 21st), they have a great restaurant where you can see the whole city. Some other excellent places include the Red Roof Inn, Budgetel Inn, Best Western and Knights Inn...and many others.

Springfield also has a park, named for Lincoln, which is the hub of sports activity. There are four softball diamonds, an ice rink and swimming pool right next to each other, as well as horseshoe pits, kids fishing pond, tennis courts and a place to practice golf.

There are running and bike tracks surrounding this park.

Wayne and neighboring Westland have a lot going for it, but it would be nice if one of our recreation officials visited here to see what this city has to offer, and maybe we could have an athletic complex like this one in the future.

In August, they stage the Illinois State Fair, from the 14th on to the 24th, where you will be able to see Ted Nugent, Lee Ann Rimes, Alan Jackson, and Bobby Rydell, so have a great time in Springfield.

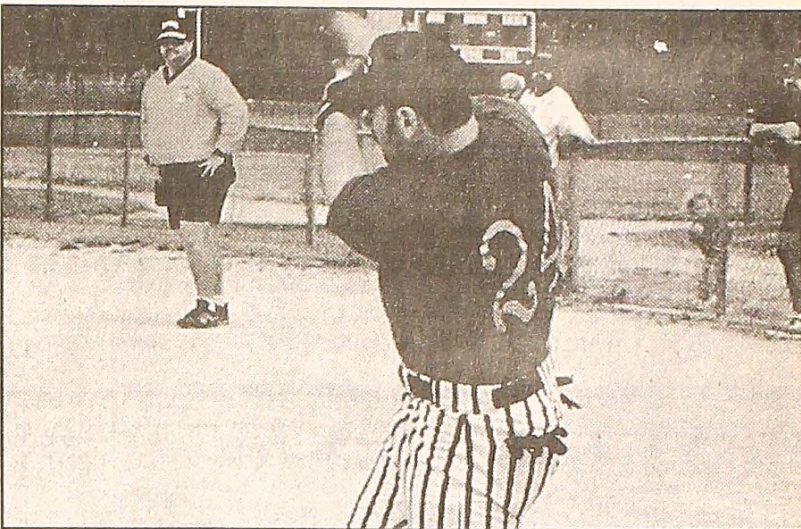
Oh, by the way, this area has produced some of the top athletes in the nation, including Kevin Gamble (Boston Celtics),

Tim Hulet (Baltimore and White Sox), Scott Erickson, (the Mets and the Yankees); Don Erickson and his dad (Phillies).

Would you believe that they played their high school games right next door to the Capitols Minor Leaguer Park.

Back to baseball next week, folks.

See you then.



Hail, Caesars!

Joe Riggs was one of the stars for the second-place finishing Westland Jimmies, which lost Sunday to Prestige in the championship round of the 1998 Patrolman Leonard Anderson Memorial Invitational.

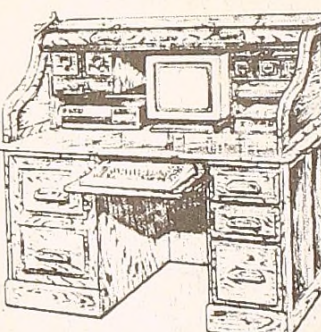
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Full Gospel Church now moving to Romulus area

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Full Gospel Church – a spiritual dream born more than two decades ago in the basement of a Christian's house in Belleville – that subsequently grew to maturity in Plymouth, now plans to sink its roots deep into the future of Romulus.

Pastor Frank Howard revealed last week that the church has purchased more than 13 acres of property on Ecorse road in Romulus, between Wayne and Henry Ruff roads.

On June 15, Howard and the

Last year we conducted an exciting tent revival on the Ecorse road property.

- Frank Howard

church architect Clifford Hall appeared before the Romulus City Planning Commission to outline their plans for church expansion.

Howard revealed the church was incorporated in 1976 in a Belleville home with about a dozen persons active

in the spiritual effort.

As the church grew to about 30-35, the parishioners moved to a rented church in Canton for a period of time and then in 1979 purchased a building that seats about 150 persons, with about 110 in attendance on most Sunday mornings.

With growth still on church leaders' minds, the Full Gospel Church administration decided to buy the Romulus property last year with plans to erect their new church facility in 1999.

Howard appeared before the City Council on July 13 as the church sought an official okay to begin their church facility planning. Councilman Leroy Burckoff offered the motion to approve the church's plans, supported by Councilwoman Debbie Romak.

Now that the City Council has approved its special use request, Howard said, the Full Gospel Church is planning a ground breaking next month.

"Last year we conducted an exciting tent revival on the Ecorse road property and we plan to do it again next month," Howard said.

The pastor – who works full time in the auto industry – said the church plans to have its multi-purpose room used as a gym and youth activity room, when it is not being used for religious services.

The pastor also revealed that plans include installing soccer and softball fields on the Ecorse road property for use by youth and adults.

Howard lists his church's background as non-denominational – but said it is close to the Pentecostals or the Assembly of God Churches.

A blood drive is being planned at St. Aloysius Catholic Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 26 because of the dangerously low blood supply in Wayne County during these summer months.

The church is located at 1280 Ozga road in Romulus. To schedule a donation appointment, call Bee Sheppard at 734-941-5056.

A similar blood drive is slated that day (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) at St. Alfred Catholic Church, 9540 Telegraph road in Taylor. For appointments there call Lucy Kloc at 734-291-6464.

Also a blood drive is slated

at Garden City Hospital at 6245 Inkster road from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29 and 30. Drive will be conducted in classrooms 1 to 4 at the hospital. For appointments call Terry Carroll at 313-458-4267.

Honey Creek Church of the Nazarene is planning its annual Vacation Bible School from 6:15 to 9 p.m. Aug. 10-14. Church is located at 5700 Jackson road in Ann Arbor.

Program is known as "Veggie Town Values" and will serve as a location where God's values really matter and will include crafts, recreation, music, refreshments, etc.

For more information call Pastor Bob Moulding at 734-761-5941.

A children's week long summer day camp offered by the

Unity Church of Livonia will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 3. The theme of the camp will be "God's World" with registration costing \$5 per child, ages five through 10.

Children will participate in music, crafts, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship. Church is located at 28660 Five Mile road in Livonia.

For more information call 734-421-1760.

An inspirational music spectacular will be offered at the Unity Church of Livonia at two services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Aug. 9. Church is located at 28660 Five Mile road in Livonia.

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It's official, assisted suicide question slated for voters soon

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Voters across Michigan this November will be given a chance to decide if they want physician assisted suicides to be legal.

It was revealed on Monday that Merian's Friends successfully collected enough voters' signatures to place the question on the ballot this fall.

While most local pastors in the area were not aware of the Lansing decision this week, many probably will take public stances against the death proposal.

A Romulus pastor, Neil Swanger of the Ball Road Tabernacle Church, revealed he had not heard of the pending ballot issue yet. "All I can say at this time," Swanger said, "is anything the devil is for, I am against."

Thus Michigan voters will be given the chance to become the second state in the nation to make such a practice legal. To date only the voters in Oregon have made such a suicide



Rev. Neil Swanger

effort legal – twice.

At least two other states' voters have rejected such a request in recent years.

Since Dr. Jack Kevorkian – also known as "Dr. Death" – is such a controversial element in the assisted suicide issue...both he and his former attorney Geoffrey Fieger will be major factors – particularly if Fieger wins the Democratic nomination for governor.

Many voters -- even dedicated Christians -- are not totally opposed to physician assisted suicides. In fact Michigan United Methodist Bishop Donald H. Ott -- served as a jury foreman in the main trial involving Kevorkian several years ago.

Ott said his feelings were impacted by the long and painful death of his father earlier. Kevorkian was found not guilty in that trial.

Numerous Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic church have taken public stances against such a practice nationwide.

Another key factor in the political issue is that of the hospice program statewide. Most hospice leaders point to their programs as qualified alternatives to assisted suicide, particularly in the area of curbing pain.

But as in most cases, side issues may overwhelm voters in making their decision -- or positive or negative family death memories.

Casino ballot issue dead?

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Anti-casino forces in Michigan apparently are refusing to accept the word that the deadline is passed for them to get the casino question on this November's ballot.

The religious based group has been working for months to obtain the needed 248,000 voter signatures to place the issue back on the ballot in November, but state election officials state the deadline is passed.

The Board of State Canvassers said that current deadlines preclude any such ballot issue in November.

The anti-casino forces have had a number of leadership changes because of transfers of top Christian forces to other areas and pastor retirements in June and July, leaving holes in the signature brigade.

The Rev. Al Rice, formerly of the Belleville United Methodist Church, was reported to have said delaying the anti-

Current deadlines preclude any such ballot issue in November.

casino vote until the year 2000 would be "absolutely worthless."

He said his forces would continue to work to get the casino question on the ballot.

But state officials said they see little other options for the statewide group.

Meanwhile in Detroit a major battle will definitely be on the ballot in that city between forces backing Mayor Dennis Archer and those of Don Barden, who are seeking to get a casino option for themselves.

Part of that battle even brought noted entertainer Michael Jackson to the Metro area to offer a huge entertainment center along with a casino.

That offer has muddled Detroit residents views of the future of casinos in Detroit.

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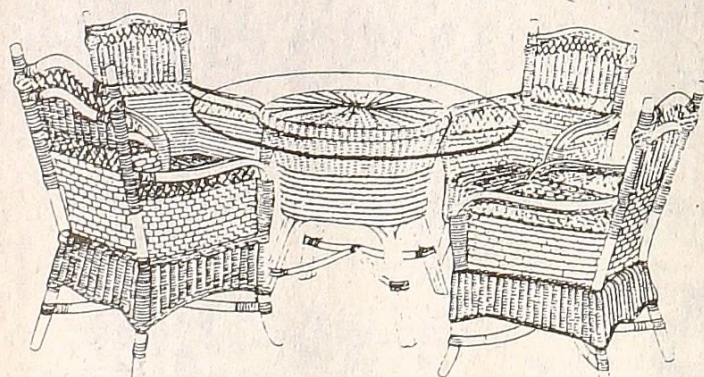
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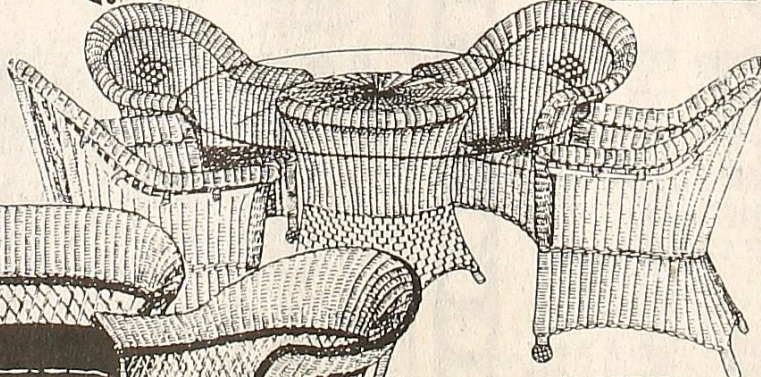
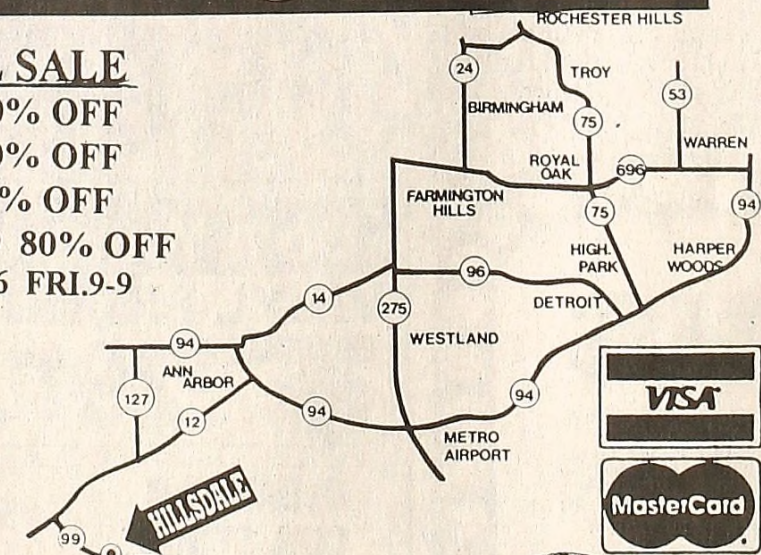
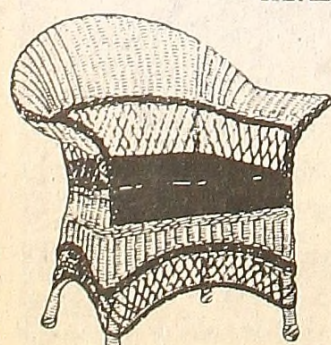
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By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Staff Writer

Wow, What a ride! Just looking at this one gives you a rush of adrenaline. Its sleek sexy curves and cat-eyed headlamps give it a personality of its own. Definitely what I would consider to be one of the best looking automobiles out on the road today. This six-speed jammed!

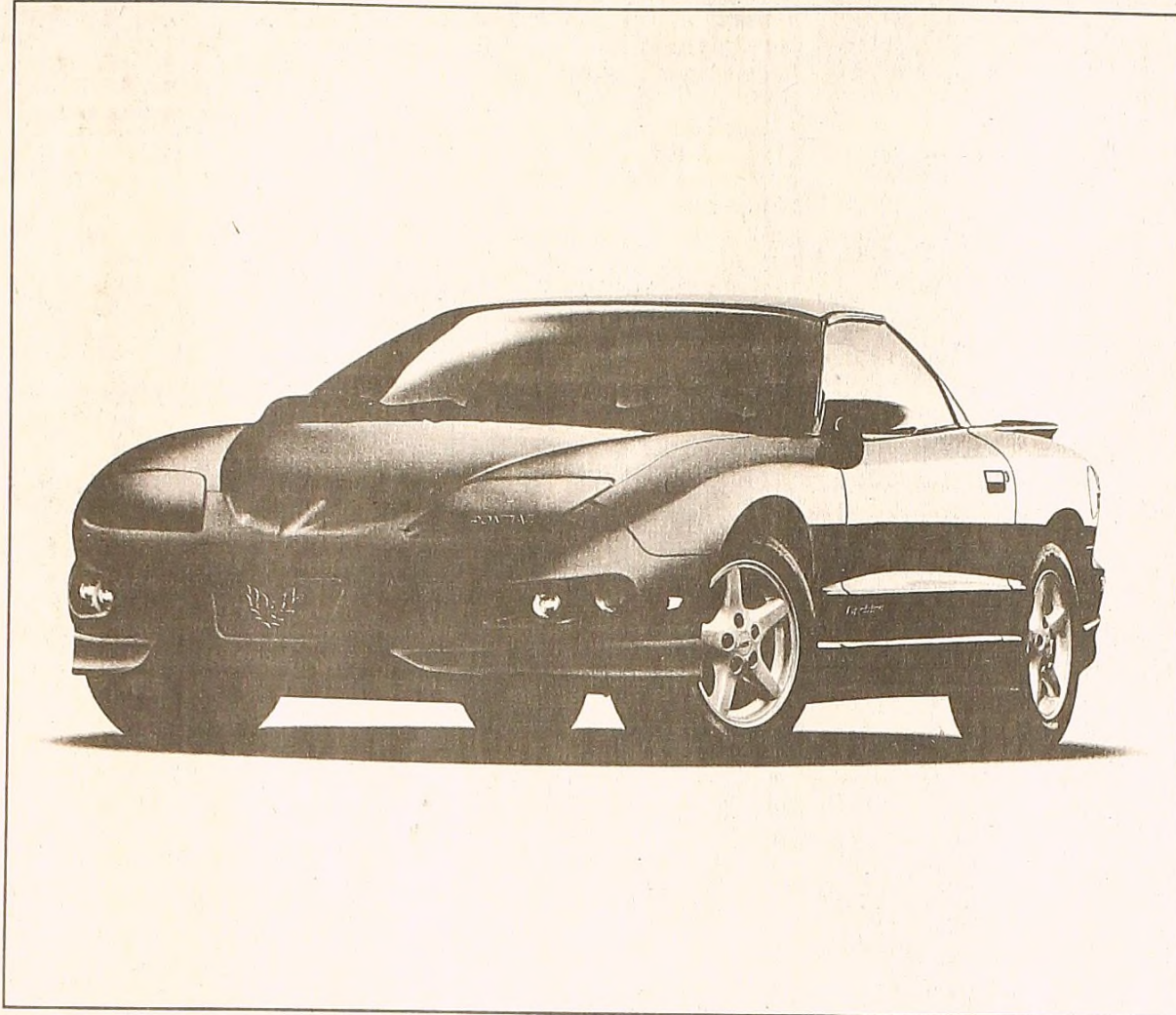
In case you have not yet figured out which vehicle I am making reference to, it is the 1998 Firebird Formula. Make no mistake, this one is no chicken! The way it launches off the line, the way it feels when you go from zero to 60 in under six seconds, the way people look at you while behind the wheel. Just that is worth it. But there is so much more to this sporty dynamo.

This one delivers what it looks promise. The lightweight aluminum 5.7 liter V8 block is topped with free-breathing aluminum heads and utilizes reverse-flow cooling and a high compression ratio of 10:1 to produce 320 horsepower with the Ram Air package.

Just step on the gas, and you won't know what hit you. The tires squeal in first gear taking off from a traffic light. And you leave everybody else in your dust. If they're lucky enough to catch up to you, you're gone again. Steering this one is no problem, shifting this one is no problem, merging on the freeway is no problem and turning on a dime, well, no problem there either.

How might a driver of this specially equipped 1998 Firebird feel? All dressed up with everything to go! The special W68 Sport Appearance Package includes a distinctive chin spoiler, rocker panel extensions, and a much deeper rear valance.

While inside the Formula you notice that the cockpit environment is designed for the serious driver. All of the gauges are illuminated, and just where you would put them. On the steering wheel are additional stereo controls so that you can keep two



1998 Firebird Formula

hands on the wheel at all times for better control. Some of the standard equipment includes air conditioning, tilt wheel, a powerful sound system with graphic equalizer, and a compact disc player.

The gauges, just like the rest of the car mean business. Clear black and white analog faces adorn the dash. And when night falls the warm red back lights (which I have always found annoying) help increase driver visibility. Pontiac, come up with a different color, Please! Driver and front passenger comfort is at a premium however, rear passengers, forget about it. There is simply no way that anyone (unless

your a small child, or an in-law) could be comfortable back there. Space is definitely at a minimum.

While driving this auto with the T-Tops off, I was very surprised at how little noise I heard. I expected it to be much louder. The only problem was that the glass was heavy, and hard for me to remove or put back in place solo. But, it's a great driving experience, and adds to the sleek package. You can also get this model in a convertible.

My test car basically came loaded. I didn't want for anything more. Well, maybe a buff dude in the passengers seat! Base price was \$22865.00 and as tested \$28,645.00. I consider that to be a

small price to pay for all that you get. The gas mileage was not all that great, but, with all of that power what can you expect. It got 17 miles per gallon in the city and 25 on the highway. The only thing that I was real disappointed in was, why make this automobile so sporty, and not give it dual exhaust? To me, that makes no sense.

I can't figure out which says more, the functionally aggressive nose, the rumble of the exhaust, or the tires wide enough to double as steamrollers? The answer depends on what you're looking for. If you want the ultimate power trip, it's all in there. Either you get it or you don't!

CITY OF WAYNE/CITY OF INKSTER STATE PRIMARY NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITIES OF WAYNE AND INKSTER, County of Wayne: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a State Primary will be held in the Cities of Wayne and Inkster on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 at which time the following offices will be voted upon:

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In addition, the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

Proposition "A"

Shall Section 3.115(13) of the Wayne County Charter be amended to require a 2/3 vote of Commissioners serving to place on any ballot any proposal for a tax increase, and a vote of more than 60% of the qualified electors of Wayne County voting thereon to adopt any such proposed tax increase? YES or NO

Proposition "J" - Jail Millage Renewal Proposal

To RENEW the millage authorized in 1988, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 1997 rollback rate of .9532 mills (about 95 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for four more years (1998 through 2001), to continue these exclusive uses:

To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution?

This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$31,636,566 in property tax revenue in 1998. YES or NO

Proposition S - Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Renewal

If approved, this proposal will renew the .033 mills levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority in 1997 and allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public of Wayne County.

As a renewal of the mills which expired with the 1997 tax levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area be increased by 0.33 mills (33 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the support of a public transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public of the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.33 mills would raise approximately \$6.3 million when levied in 1998. YES or NO

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 am and will remain open until 8:00 pm on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible.

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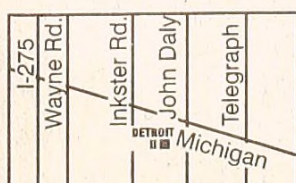
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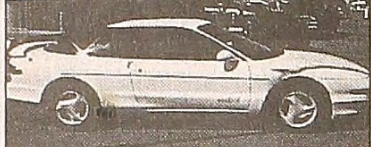
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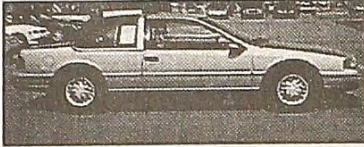
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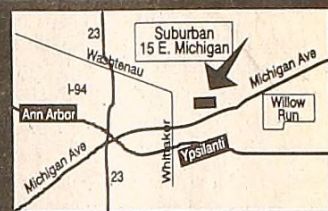
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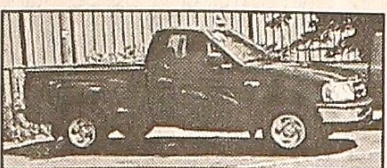
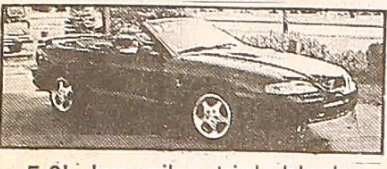
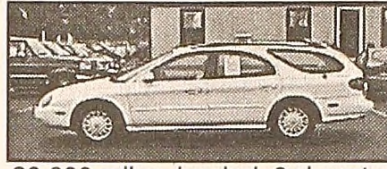
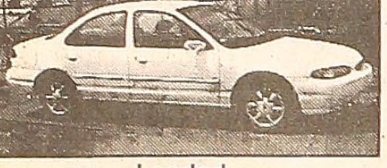
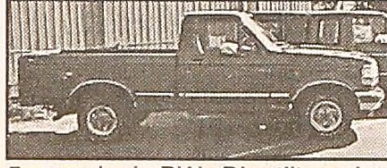
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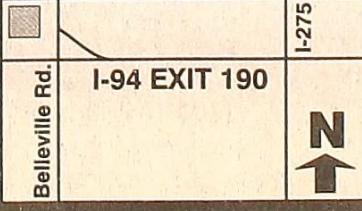
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